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643RD REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 1990 - 2:00 P.M.

The Six Hundred and Forty-Third Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, January 18, 1990, at 2:00 p.m. by President Keith Eickman.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:
Commissioner Keith Eickman, President
Commissioner Frances McAteer, Vice President
Commissioner Richard J. Guggenhime (noted present at 2:02 p.m.)
Commissioner Tommy Harris
Commissioner Connie O'Connor
Commissioner Trent Orr
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Orr, seconded by Commissioner McAteer, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 21, 1989 were approved as presented.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Eickman, Harris, McAteer, O'Connor, Orr, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioner Guggenhime

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Mary E. Burns, submitted the following report:

"INTRODUCTION OF DIRECTOR OF MARKETING

It is my pleasure to introduce to you today Karen Knight, who joined us on January 16 as the Department's Director of Marketing. Over 100 individuals from across the country applied for this position and the selection process included interviews of 8 finalists with Karen the top candidate.

The Marketing Department, under the supervision of Ernie Prindle, will establish competitive fee structures and procedures for special events. Karen will actively solicit tour and travel associations and corporate markets. Efforts will also be devoted to the development of information brochures and increased visibility of Department rental facilities through trade publications, education programs and various media and professional networks.

Karen's background is very impressive, including over 6 years experience in sales, marketing and coordinating special events. She also worked 2 years as regional sales manager for 8 hotel properties in California and Arizona. Karen received her B.A. in Recreation Administration from Cal Poly in 1982. Since then she has served on the Board of Directors for the Association of Conference and Event Directors-International, and participated in a variety of professional associations.

Welcome, Karen, to the Recreation and Park Department, and I know the Commission joins me in extending you all good wishes and success in your new position.

GOLDEN GATE PARK HOMELESS UPDATE

An increased police presence at the Alvord Lake area has resulted in no known homeless currently occupying this area. Additionally, daytime use has dwindled to a miniscule level. On both Wednesday, January 3, and January 10, the police and the Department engaged in the removal of camp sites located primarily in the Northeast section of Golden Gate Park. This enforcement of the Park Code which prohibits overnight camping in the Park will continue to be enforced by the police. Other parks are being monitored to make sure that we are not moving the problem from one neighborhood to another.

A process has been set up to deal with the disposal of materials left by the illegal campers, including the proper handling and disposition of hypodermic syringes.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

RESOLUTION TO SET UP TENTS FOR HOMELESS IN GOLDEN GATE PARK

Supervisor Kennedy has proposed legislation to urge the Mayor to urge the Recreation and Park Commission to adopt a policy which would allow the homeless to set up tents for a limited time period between sunset and sunrise on selected Recreation and Park facilities. This proposal will be presented to the Parks and Planning Committee for their review, but will be heard by a Committee of the Board of Supervisors before the full Commission meets again. I have already sent a letter to the Board of Supervisors indicating the staff's opposition to this proposal. It is my hope that members of the Commission and members of the public who think this is an intrusion of normal park users would also contact members of the Board of Supervisors.

SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING

A Special Recreation and Park Commission Budget meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 7, 6:00 p.m., location to be announced. The Department has not received any projections from the Mayor's Office regarding funding for next year, although it is anticipated there will be a deficit because of the aftermath of the October 17 earthquake. The Department has been asked to present a "baseline" budget or "current level of services" budget. Any proposed increases to the budget must be funded through either reductions or revenue increases. Depending upon the instructions from the Mayor's Office, we may have to prepare reductions to the budget to meet the deficit which will be handled during the Mayor's review of the budget. Increases should be submitted in priority order so the Commission will have the opportunity to establish what expansion, if any, should be considered.

ZOO ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Final drafts of the Zoo Advisory Committee report are due to the Committee Chair on January 25 with the final report due to the Board of Supervisors on January 31. All Committee members will receive final draft copies on January 19 with their final comments due to the sub-committee when it convenes on January 22. A copy of the report will be available for public review in the Zoological Society Office on January 25. Anyone with comments on the report is requested to send them directly to the Board of Supervisors. A less than favorable summary of the draft was reported in yesterday's Independent. A copy of that article has been sent to you by the Commission Secretary.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Capital Improvements Advisory Committee met on Tuesday to recommend an earthquake repair bond for consideration by the voters in June. It encompasses some 200 city buildings damaged by the earthquake. The size of the bond may be as high as $320 million and includes repairs, code work and seismic reinforcement for many general fund buildings. Of particular interest to this Commission is $17 million for repair of the infrastructure of the Zoo, $4.2 million for renovation of the Bandshell and funds for work on McLaren Lodge and the Palace of Fine Arts/Exploratorium building. No enterprise fund projects are included. The matter now goes to the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor for their review and approval.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL WORKERS

As a result of the earthquake, federal funds were made available to the Private Industry Council (PIC) to hire people who have become unemployed because of the quake and to perform work to restore facilities to pre-quake condition. To date, the Department has been assigned the following craftpersons: 2 carpenters, 5 electricians, 5 laborers, and 12 plumbers.

These workers are hired and paid by the Private Industry Council with funds provided under the "Job Training Partnership Act - Title III." The length of employment is not to exceed more than 6 months nor may an individual earn more than $6,000 for the 6-month period.

Mr. James Lucey, Assistant Superintendent Structural Maintenance, is extremely pleased to have these additional workers to augment the Yard personnel. They should provide much needed help in repairing damages from the October earthquake.

GOLDEN GATE PAVILION DEDICATION

The Golden Gate Pavilion at Stow Lake, which has been in the process of renovation, is scheduled for completion with Friday, February 9, being the date set for the dedication. At that time, dignitaries from Taiwan along with the Taipei-San Francisco Sister City Committee members will present $100,000.00 to the Mayor for earthquake relief. You will be receiving an invitation to this special event.

1989 SWIMMING POOL REPORT

I call your attention to the 1989 Swimming Pool Report Inspection by the Department of Public Health and corrective actions that are needed to comply with State Health and Safety Code Requirements relating to swimming pools. I feel that this topic should be calendared for regular review by the Recreation Program Committee. You will note that the age of some of the pools contributes to the maintenance problems of the facilities.

SAN FRANCISCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SWIMMING PROGRAM

The School District has notified the Recreation and Park Department that due to a change in State law that has changed the licensing requirements for swimming instructors, their swimming program at our facilities has to be discontinued. According to Commissioner of Athletics, Anne Heinlein, with the change in requirements only two of their instructors are qualified to teach swimming. The School District is seeking an amendment to the new law through the auspices of Senator Milton Marks. We have submitted to the District a budget should they wish to hire our instructors until a change could be secured from the State. We do not have sufficient slack in our own budget to be able to continue the program.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

EXPLORATORIUM PHOTO CONTEST

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, participated in a unique and innovative program at the Exploratorium this past weekend. The event was a photograph contest for disadvantaged youth entitled "San Francisco through the Eyes of its Children." The program was sponsored by the Multicultural Outreach Section of the Exploratorium. Participation came mainly from the children living in San Francisco public housing. Cultural events such as this are contemplated through the Exploratorium in conjunction with the Recreation Division. This extended outreach program is targeted mainly at disadvantaged and high-risk youth to make the Exploratorium more accessible to them. The Recreation Division plans several upcoming special events in conjunction with the Exploratorium, and we look forward to a renewed relationship with them and the exciting programs that this association will produce.

RETIREMENTS

Joseph Byrne	7344 Carpenter	25 years
Herman Machan	3417 Gardener	38 years
John Southall	3417 Gardener	22 years

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, January 19, 1990	Martin Luther King Lunch, 12 noon, Potrero Hill Recreation Center
Wednesday, January 24, 1990	"Community Gardens of San Francisco - A Pictorial Essay" 5-7 p.m., Helen Crocker Russell Library, County Fair Building
Wednesday, January 31, 1990	Recreation Program Committee 3:30 p.m., Miraloma Recreation Center
Thursday, February 1, 1990	Parks and Planning Committee 9:00 a.m., McLaren Lodge
Thursday, February 1, 1990	Finance and Administration Committee, 4:00 p.m. McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, February 7, 1990	Special Commission Meeting (Budget) (Location to be announced)
Tuesday, February 13, 1990	Joint Zoo Committee, 4:00 p.m. San Francisco Zoo"

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4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Harris, seconded by Commissioner McAteer, ratification of the following resolutions, which are processed under Resolution No. 13572:

a. **Personnel Matters** — **RES. NO. 15573**

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period December 11, 1989 through January 5, 1990.

b. **SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS UNDER $500.00** — **RES. NO. 15574**

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following unlitigated settlement of claims under $500.00:

Bezak, Frank	$ 243.70
Coyne, John P.	50.00
Espina, Aurea	37.62
Dolezal, Robert	500.00
Hood, Vaughn	264.02
Maberley, Kristin	69.80
McLoughlin, Lori	481.16
Oddo, Michael	493.00
Sadoti, Anthony	344.71

c. **SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS OVER $500.00** — **RES. NO. 15575**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the proposed settlement of the unlitigated claim of Lynda Ewing, in the amount of $3,700.00.

d. **BUCHANAN STREET MALL AND ELLA HILL HUTCH CENTER FINAL PAYMENT** — **RES. NO. 15576**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the final payment to William P. Young, Inc., and Frank M. Mock, Joint Venture, in the amount of $38,000, for the Buchanan Street Mall and Ella Hill Hutch Center.

e. **COM SYSTEMS (LONG DISTANCE CARRIER) MONTH-TO-MONTH AGREEMENT** — **RES. NO. 15577**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the month-to-month agreement with Com Systems as long distance carrier for coin phones located on departmental property.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

f. RANDALL MUSEUM — RES. NO. 15578
EXPENDITURE OF GIFT FUND

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a $3,540 expenditure from Gift Fund for various items at Randall Museum.

g. GAS HOUSE COVE MARINA, INC. — RES. NO. 15579
RENT CREDIT

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the $125 rent credit to Gashouse Cove Marina, Inc. for emergency caulking of the Yacht Sales and Fueling Barge at Marina Yacht Harbor.

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS
TICKET PRICES

Approval to increase the ticket price from $25.00 to $30.00, effective with the 1990 football season.

John Lind, Director of Stadium Operations, explained that this item was heard and approved by the Candlestick Park/Athletic Fields Committee and is a request from the San Francisco 49ers to increase the ticket price for the 1990 football season. The 49ers lease states that the Commission has the authority to approve the ticket price increase but that the increase cannot be unreasonably withheld. Mr. Lind displayed a chart which outlined the current ticket prices for the top 16 football teams which showed the 49ers as 10th on the list. This price increase would make the 49ers the second highest ticket in the league although it is anticipated that several of the football teams will increase their ticket price this year. He noted that the 49ers sell-out all of their games and that their season ticket waiting list numbers over 20,000.

Commissioner Guggenhime explained that this increase will generate an additional $330,000 for the Candlestick Park Fund. Since the stadium suffered some damage from the 10/17/89 earthquake it is necessary to generate additional revenue to this fund. He also stated that since 20,000 people are on the season ticket waiting the list there is obviously a great demand for 49er football tickets.

On recommendation of the Candlestick Park/Athletic Fields Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Harris, seconded by Commissioner McAteer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15580

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the increase to the San Francisco 49ers ticket price from $25.00 to $30.00, effective with the 1990 football season.

6. **SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS**
PARKING RATES

Consideration to approve parking rates for the 1990 football season at Candlestick Park as follows:

- Decrease the pre-paid parking rate from $12.00 to $10.00
- Increase the number of pre-paid parking spaces from 4,000 to 6,000
- Increase the open parking rate from $7.00 to $10.00 (2,000 spaces)

John Lind, Director of Stadium Operations, explained that this item was heard and approved by the Candlestick Park/Athletic Fields Committee and is a request from the San Francisco 49ers to set the parking rates for the 1990 season. This request would decrease the pre-paid parking rate in the main lot from $12.00 to $10.00 and increase the day-of-game parking rate from $7.00 to $10.00. In the event of rain on game day, which causes flooding to the main parking lot and the loss of parking spaces, it is necessary to continue to segregate the lot. This parking plan also 7mproves traffic flow in and out of the stadium. Last year the average cost of the main lot was $9.50. The 49ers also have obtained a commitment from City Park, the company which operates the dirt lots surrounding Candlestick Park, to not increase its parking rate to more than $8.00.

Commissioner Harris noted that the pre-paid parking system allows people to arrive later for the game and decreases traffic congestion.

On recommendation of the Candlestick Park/Athletic Fields Committee, and on motion of Commissioner McAteer, seconded by Commissioner O'Connor, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15581

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the parking rates for the 1990 football season at Candlestick Park as follows:

- Pre-paid parking rate.....$10.00
- Open parking rate.....$10.00
- Increase the number of pre-paid parking spaces to 6,000

7. **SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS**
LEASE AMENDMENT

Approval of the terms for a lease amendment between the City and County of San Francisco and the San Francisco Giants.

John Lind, Director of Stadium Operations, explained that this item was heard and approved by the Candlestick Park/Athletic Fields Committee and is a request from the Commission and Department to establish an additional rent clause in the Giants' lease for the luxury suites. Over the last 8 months, staff has been working to clarify items in the lease. Mr. Lind outlined the modifications:

- Addition of rent clause for use of the luxury suites. Since the Giants lease was executed prior to the time the luxury suites were installed, it does not address the issue of the suites. The Giants have agreed to pay 5% of the revenue they receive from the rental of the suite less (a) cost of parking passes and stadium club membership given to suite holders, and (b) the $50.00 fee per suite, per game to service the suites. Under this formula, the Department would receive [illegible] rather than the current rate of $891.00 per suite.

7. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS
LEASE AMENDMENT (Continued)

Giants are willing to commit to a standard of maintenance for the suites which provide that they will shampoo the carpets at every home stand.

- Incorporate the parking lot operating agreement into the Giants lease. The terms of this agreement would remain the same but the Giants would submit an operating budget each year for Commission approval.

- The addition of a scoreboard operating agreement to the lease. The scoreboard agreement provides that the Giants operate the scoreboard for baseball and football and all events held at Candlestick Park. Again, the Giants would yearly submit an operating budget for Commission approval.

- Inclusion of a provision for rent credits for items which are pre-approved by the Commission and a specific rent credit not to exceed $222,381.00 for payment of operation of the scoreboard for the past two seasons.

- Amend the complimentary ticket provision of the lease to comply with a request made from the Controller's Audit Division for a better accounting system.

- Deletion of two luxury suites and 16 upper box seats and parking from the demised premises for use by the Recreation and Park Commission, the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors.

Commissioner Ruiz asked what the Department received from the 49ers for use of the suites and the cost of the luxury suites.

Ernie Prindle, Assistant General Manager for Finance and Property, explained that the Department currently receives 20% of the value of the suite, which will decrease to 15% in 1994 and ultimately 10% in the year 2000.

Mr. Lind explained that the 49er and Giants lease are substantially different because in the Giants' lease there is a stipulation that the Giants are responsible for all of custodial work in the stadium and in the 49ers lease the Department is responsible for the custodial work in the stadium.

Commissioner Ruiz felt that there was an opportunity to rectify a discrepancy in the lease and that it should be done. He was concerned that the percentage of rent from the suites should be higher than 5%. It was his opinion that the Department was not getting a good deal and that it was not equitable given the fact that there is much wear and tear on the suites from the amount of use from baseball games.

Commissioner Guggenhime felt that the Giants had made a concession by offering to pay 5% of the value of the suite rather than the current practice of 5% of the luxury suite ticket price.

7. **SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS**
LEASE AMENDMENT (Continued)

Corey Busch, Executive Vice President, Giants, explained that it was through the spirit of cooperation that the Giants agreed to pay this rent. It was his opinion that the Giants did not have an obligation to pay a percentage of rent for the luxury suites but had agreed to it in an attempt to work with the City to continue to upgrade Candlestick Park. He also stated it was unfair to compare the Giants lease to the 49ers lease. The amount of money the 49ers pay to the Department is, in part, a return of the $30,000,000 of improvements made by the City. He felt the Giants absorb a tremendous amount of costs.

On recommendation of the Candlestick Park/Athletic Fields Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Guggenhime, seconded by Commissioner Harris, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15582

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the terms for a lease amendment between the City and County of San Francisco and the San Francisco Giants.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Eickman, Guggenhime, Harris, McAteer, O'Connor, Orr
Noes: Commissioner Ruiz

8. **SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS**
LUXURY SUITES

Approval of the 1990 luxury suites prices for the San Francisco Giants.

John Lind, Director of Stadium Operations, explained that this item was continued from the 12/21/89 meeting, and is a request from the Giants to increase the price of the luxury suites for the baseball season. The Commission requested that this matter be held until the lease amendment issue had been resolved. The prices proposed by the Giants are $40.00 per ticket for suites located inside the foul poles and $30.00 per ticket for suites located outside the foul poles. Mr. Lind noted that the Oakland Athletics' suite prices range from $34.00 to $44.00 per ticket so that the price increase request is in line with the Bay Area team prices.

In response to Commissioner O'Connor's query, Corey Busch explained, that the Giants would be able to market the suites at the requested price.

Commissioner Guggenhime noted that even though the price increase will double, the request is reasonable, in terms of being competitive with Bay Area team prices.

Corey Busch, Executive Vice President for the Giants, explained that the Giants will attempt to sell the suites for the full season but those suites that are not marketed will be sold on a day-of-game basis. He noted that a full season customer provides less wear and tear on the suites.

Commissioner Ruiz asked if staff analyzed what percentage of luxury suite income other teams in the country pay to a City. Staff had not completed such an analysis.

8. **SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS**
LUXURY SUITES (Continued)

On recommendation of the Candlestick Park/Athletic Fields Committee, and on motion of Commissioner McAteer, seconded by Commissioner O'Connor, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15583

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the 1990 luxury suites prices for the San Francisco Giants as follows:

Luxury Suites	Present	Approved
8 Seat Box	$13,000	$26,000
10 Seat Box	16,000	32,000
12 Seat Box	19,500	39,000
16 Seat Box	27,000	54,000
18 Seat Box	29,000	58,000

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Eickman, Guggenhime, Harris, McAteer, O'Connor, Orr
Noes: Commissioner Ruiz

9. **FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION**
ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS

Final adoption of regulations governing distribution of free food to the homeless on park property.

Mara Rosales, Deputy City Attorney, outlined the proposed regulations governing distribution of free food to the homeless on park property. She explained that she had received many inquiries from people regarding elements of the new language and whether it should be made part of this policy. Some members of the public felt the new language is outside of what the Commission adopted at the 1/25/89 meeting.

Ms. Rosales explained that the Department identified that there was a need for free food service in the downtown area, at Civic Center Plaza, and in Golden Gate Park, at the Kezar Triangle location. Because the Kezar Triangle location was not available at that time, staff recommended that free food service be permitted at the Page/Stanyan location until such time as the Kezar Triangle area became available. The Commission had the opportunity to change these two sites at the six month review of the Permit and Reservation Policy. If an organization requested another location to distribute free food, that permittee would be required to show why there was a demonstrated need in another area.

Ms. Rosales reviewed the proposed new language which addressed many of the permit regulations including that consideration shall be given to the availability of an indoor facility that accommodates the needs of the permittee, the accessibility of functional public restrooms, and a mechanism by which the permittee may obtain the requisite Health permit.

These proposed regulations would become part of the Commission's Permit and Reservation Policy, and be reviewed every six months and would be subject to all of the other provisions and conditions of that policy.

9. **FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION**
ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS (Continued)

Ms. Rosales asked the Commission if the final regulations she had presented reflected the Commission's intent.

President Eickman felt the proposed regulations conformed to the Commission's intent; none of the Commission members opposed this statement.

Calvin Welch, representing the Ecumenical Ministry of the Haight-Ashbury, 409 House, stated his thanks to the Commission and staff for dealing with the homeless crisis and its attempt to implement the Board of Supervisors's policy on homelessness. Mr. Welch stated that the language which read: "Once the Kezar Triangle area near the Kezar Recycling Center is available, that site and not the Page/Stanyan location shall be the only designated park site in the Golden Gate Park area for free food distribution to the homeless." was not part of the regulations presented at the Parks and Planning Committee meeting of 1/4/90. He felt it was unwise to designate the Kezar Triangle site without a public hearing and urged the Commission to delete that clause and adopt the balance of the proposed regulations.

Terry McDevitt, a gardener for the Recreation and Park Department, explained that he was speaking for some of the other gardeners in the Department, and was opposed to any designation for food distribution at any park because he felt it did not fall under the purview of the Recreation and Park Department. He stated that the Food Not Bombs organization's past performance has shown them to be persona non-grata. He felt that gardeners should be apprised of any future designation of park sites for free food distribution since there is an impact on their job site. He also had a petition from 250 workers, including gardeners, craft employees, and mid-management, who echoed his sentiment.

David Helder, who owns the building directly across the street from Page and Stanyan, felt that the regulations should include a "good neighbor" policy. He has lived in this Golden Gate Park location for 13 years and was a "good neighbor" until last year. He explained that since the Commission adopted a policy to allow for free food distribution he has had windshields broken on both of his vehicles, a fire to the building causing $130,000 of damage, defication in front of the building, and other illegal activities. He noted that the park landscape has deteriorated because of the food distribution. He felt that this policy has created an adverse impact on the nearby neighbors and that it was very unacceptable.

Gus Derdevanis, echoed the sentiments of the previous speaker and noted that the children in the area look forward to using Golden Gate Park. He felt that the 115 new homes in the Kezar-Poly project should also have a voice in what is being permitted in the park. He felt that the homeless should be helped but in a neighborhood with families, the homeless ruin the area. He resented what has happened in the Page/Stanyan area and felt the Commission was obligated to do something about it.

9. FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION
ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS (Continued)

Jeanne Schouten, lives in the area between Page and Haight, viewed the homeless people and alcoholics daily and the mess in front of her home.

Carlton A. Perry, a neighbor on Stanyan Street, sited an instance where his daughter was harassed from the homeless element in the area. He did not consider these individuals to be homeless, stating that many of the people are in their early 20s and drink excessively and panhandle for a living. He asked the Commission to do something about this condition.

Andy Bossi, a neighbor in the Kezar-Poly area, objected to the location of the Kezar Triangle as a designated area for free food distribution. He also felt that the homeless will congregate around the free food distribution site. He endorsed the Commission's attempt to find an area to feed those who need free food but was concerned about the proposed location. He urged the Commission to delete the Kezar Triangle location and suggested that an area in the middle of the park, rather than the periphery, be selected.

Michael Kosturas, a gardener in the Mission District, noted that the homeless have overtaken the Mission District parks and was opposed to free food distribution in the park.

Arvid Ekenberg, a resident and property owner on Hugo Street, was shocked to hear, through word of mouth, of the proposal to designate Kezar Triangle as a site for food distribution. He noted that none of the neighbors were aware of this proposal and urged the Commission to not adopt the regulations until the affected residents had an opportunity to analyze and respond to this proposed site. He stated that the Inner Sunset Neighborhood Association was unaware of this proposal. He felt it was inappropriate to have free food distributed in a 100% residential area since the homeless congregate in that area.

Bert Donlin, was against the proposed regulations as presented and urged the Commission to re-write the language in an acceptable fashion for all concerned. He was opposed to the designation of the Kezar Triangle site.

Jim Rhoads, representing the Haight-Ashbury Neighborhood Council, noted that the proposed shift to the Kezar Triangle location was part of the staff recommendation made a year ago and there has been no mention of the Kezar Triangle site since the 1/25/89 meeting. He further stated that it was not discussed at the 1/4/90 Parks and Planning Committee meeting. He suggested that the sentence referencing the Kezar Triangle site should be deleted and that it be reviewed during the six-month review process.

Christine Hall, a 14-year resident of the Haight, explained that she also attended the 1/4/90 Parks and Planning Committee hearing and was shocked that new language was being added since the Committee meeting. She felt it was a miscarriage of the public process to alter the language. She was of the opinion that the Food Not Bombs organization was an excellent neighbor as a social service group and with the assistance of the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council, has cleaned up after its Monday food service. She did not think it should be responsible for the other police problems which occur in the Alvord Lake area and should be allowed to continue its Monday food distribution at the Page/Stanyan location.

9. **FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION**
ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS (Continued)

Joan Downey, was concerned about what has happened to the East end of Golden Gate Park and explained that she no longer walks alone in that area because she felt it was unsafe. She felt that when the organization receives a permit it should be required to demonstrate that there is a need to distribute food. She also thought a location should be selected in the park that will not affect the nearby residents. She suggested that the parking lot at McLaren Lodge might be a suitable site so that staff can witness the affect of food distribution.

Kevin Shea, a Park Section Supervisor in Golden Gate Park, felt the regulations were useless when the organization does not abide by them and when they are not enforced. He commented that currently free food is being distributed without a permit from the Department. He displayed pictures of the debris in the park from people camping in the park. Recently there has been police enforcement which has dramatically reduced the number of people living in the park. Given the reduction of homeless in the park, he did not think there was a demonstrated need for food distribution.

Gloria Koch-Gonzalez, a Recreation and Park Department gardener, explained that gardeners are under a tremendous burden in cleaning after, caring for, and listening to the homeless. She stressed that everyone needed to acknowledge that homelessness is aligned with drug addition, alcoholism, and mental illness. Gardeners must remove syringes from the playground and are under pressure to make a park setting wholesome for families and children. She noted that it is difficult to find syringes in the sand. She further explained that gardeners and custodians are daily threatened by the homeless and must encounter this social problem. She stated that all of the park facilities were set aside for recreational purposes and asked the Commission what it was going to do to protect the employees.

Linda Liebelt, a resident on 2nd Avenue, was horrified that she was unaware of the proposal to locate the free food distribution to the Kezar Triangle area. She objected to the use of the Kezar Triangle area for this purpose and, in general, objected to anything that encourages the homeless to settle in the park. She noted that this is a residential, high density neighborhood, which uses the park. The Kezar Triangle area is the access point to the park. She urged the Commission to postpone the vote until such time as the community could express its concern.

George Linke, a resident on 2nd Avenue, heard of the proposal to designate the Kezar Triangle by accident and was shocked that the neighborhood was uninformed of this proposal. He felt that a public hearing should be held before any new usage of the park is considered. He also felt the park should be designated for recreational purpose and not be used for social issues.

9. **FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION**
ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS (Continued)

Marcia Rosen, an attorney with the San Francisco Lawyers Committee for Urban Affairs, representing the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council, the Haight Ashbury Preservation Society, and the Ecumenical Ministry of the Haight Ashbury, explained that she has been a neighbor of Golden Gate Park for 20 years, has raised two children, and used the park frequently. She felt that the deletion of the one sentence referencing the change of location from Page/Stanyan to Kezar Triangle was appropriate, particularly since the policy provides for a six month review process. She further discussed the rise of homelessness in the City due to the loss of shelter and affordable housing.

Estela Becerra, a resident of Frederick Street, was sympathetic to the homeless problem but opposed the use of the City's park area for distribution of food to the homeless. She objected that the Commission made such a ruling and was opposed to the Kezar Triangle area or any other park area.

Jerry M. Miller, speaking on behalf of his tenants and himself who live on Willard Street, was adamantly opposed to free food distribution at the Kezar Triangle location.

Carole Glossenger, representing the Cole Valley Improvement Association, and a Beulah Street resident, explained that she attended the 1/25/89 Commission hearing and never thought the proposed regulations presented today were part of the Commission resolution adopted last year. She objected to all of the added language presented under Item #1. She suggested that all of the language which was added since the 1/4/90 Committee meeting should be deleted and that the need should be demonstrated for free food distribution. She did not think it was appropriate for the Commission to designate an area for food distribution.

Shaun Shields, a resident on Hugo Street, stated that he was not informed of the proposal to locate free food distribution at the Kezar Triangle area and that the nearby residents should have input on this issue. He urged the Commission, in the spirit of the democratic process, to postpone a decision on the designation of the Kezar Triangle area, since the community was not informed of this proposal.

Neil Lucey, representing the Kezar-Poly Neighborhood Association, heard about this proposal last Thursday and did not feel there was proper notice for this hearing. He stated that his wife will not use Golden Gate Park because she feels unsafe to enter the park. He did not believe the Commission should resolve the homeless problem and urged the Commission to postpone this matter since the community was not informed.

Nancy Culter, a resident of Frederick Street, with three young boys, felt that the Commission was attempting to make a decision before the 115 residents of the Kezar-Poly project have a chance to give their input. She related a story about a homeless person who entered her home. She was concerned about the safety of her family and herself. She felt the Commission should give a chance for the community to voice its concern on the designation of the Kezar Triangle site before rendering a decision.

9. **FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION**
ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS (Continued)

President Eickman felt the homeless problem is nationwide and that the Commission is attempting to adopt regulations for free food distribution to the homeless on park property. He understood that the residents near the Kezar Triangle area were unaware of the proposed regulations and was willing to delete the sentence pertaining to the Kezar Triangle area and to discuss it at a later date. He urged that the balance of the regulations be adopted so that guidelines are in place for the Department. He, too, preferred to not have food distributed on park property. President Eickman explained that it was the intent of the Commission to provide for free food distribution on non-landscaped and non-grass surface areas.

Commissioner O'Connor concurred with President Eickman and noted that many of the issues described today were police problems. She was glad to hear there was less of a problem lately but felt that in fairness to the residents of the Kezar Triangle area, that the regulations be adopted with the deletion of the sentence: "Once the Kezar Triangle area near the Kezar Recycling Center is available, that site and not the Page/Stanyan location shall be the only designated park site in the Golden Gate Park area for free food distribution to the homeless." Commissioner Ruiz seconded this motion.

Commissioner Guggenhime explained that he recollected that the Commission adopted a free food distribution policy because free food distribution was not offered on Mondays at Hamilton Methodist Church, a food center near Golden Gate Park. He had heard that Hamilton had recently received a donation which would enable them to serve food on Mondays and wanted a determination made that if another food source is found, an effort be made to decide if a need exists.

Vice President McAteer stated that she was still opposed to any food distribution in the City's parks. She reiterated her opinion that Golden Gate Park is fragile, with very little topsoil. She stated that the Monday food distribution draws people to stay many days. She further stated that the park is the backyard for many people. She had explained that she had great compassion for the gardeners.

Commissioner Orr asked Deputy City Attorney Mara Rosales if the language was clear in its intent that a permit is required at the designated site.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the specific language and whether the particular items should be clarified.

After discussion among the Commission, it was agreed that the only reason a permit can be denied during the six month period is if the permittee did not comply with the conditions; the issue of demonstrated need would be reviewed every six months.

Commissioner Ruiz recalled that the Commission had decided last year that the demonstration of need had to be considered monthly rather than every six months.

9. **FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION**
ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS (Continued)

General Manager Mary Burns explained that the intent of her recommendation was that the demonstration of need would be reviewed every six months at a public hearing to give the community the opportunity to participate in the process.

Commissioner Ruiz asked if a demonstrated need stops at a designated site and the permittee continues to apply for a monthly permit, then must the Commission wait six months before it denies that permit.

Ms. Rosales then suggested that some of the language should be clarified to reflect the Commission's intent. After much discussion, it was agreed that if a new site was identified, other than the designated sites of Page and Stanyan Streets location in Golden Gate Park and Civic Center Plaza, a permit would not be issued until a demonstrated need was shown to the Commission and a public hearing be held.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner O'Connor, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15584

RESOLVED, That this Commission adopts the regulations governing distribution of free food to the homeless on park property, as follows:

IV. REGULATION GOVERNING DISTRIBUTING OF FREE FOOD TO THE HOMELESS ON PARK PROPERTY

Park Code Section 7.03(k) requires a permit to provide food to persons on park property. Permits to provide free food to the homeless on park property shall be governed by the following regulations.

1. The Commission has determined that a need exists to provide free food to the homeless in the downtown and Golden Gate Park areas. Civic Center Plaza and the Page/Stanyan location are designated as the only park sites in these identified neighborhoods where free food distribution to the homeless shall be allowed.

2. Permits shall be granted for no more than one month at a time. Permits may be renewed for a site for which a prior permit has been granted as long as all conditions of the permit are satisfied by the permittee.

3. Permits shall be granted by the Commission only for large City-wide parks as defined in Section IIG of these regulations. However, the Commission staff shall grant preference to permittees seeking to use a City-wide park for recreational activities or activities protected by the First Amendment. No permit for the free distribution of food to the homeless shall be granted in a facility or park set aside for recreational activities.

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4. In deciding which park facility is the most suitable to accommodate the interests of the permittee, the Commission shall consider the availability of an indoor facility that accommodates the needs of the permittee and the accessibility of functional public restrooms.

5. All permits granted under this section shall provide that the food service or distribution take place only on non-grass surface or non-landscaped areas.

6. All permits for the distribution of free food to the homeless shall contain the following conditions:

   (a) All local Health Code requirements must be satisfied. Once the staff determines it is appropriate to issue a permit for use of a site, the staff shall provide a letter to that effect so that the applicant may undergo a Department of Public Health inspection and obtain the required health permit. Once the Department of Public Health permit is secured, assuming all other requirements continue to be met, the staff shall issue the park permit.

   (b) Adequate insurance is secured.

   (c) A performance bond is secured to protect park property against damage and to ensure that the area is maintained in a clean manner. When an applicant for a permit to provide free food to the homeless produces evidence that providing a cash performance bond would be so financially burdensome that it would preclude the applicant from using park property for the proposed activity, staff may accept written assurances that all necessary appropriate measures will be undertaken by the applicant to protect park property against damage or insure proper clean-up if the staff determines that the measures proposed by the applicant will be performed and will adequately protect the property.

7. Staff shall impose reasonable use fees for permits to provide free food to the homeless. When an applicant for a permit to provide free food to the homeless produces evidence that paying the use fees would be so financially burdensome that it would preclude the applicant from using park property for the proposed activity, the staff shall waive the use fees. Staff shall also waive the use fees if the permittee agrees in writing to haul away from the food distribution site and property dispose of any garbage generated by the food distribution service.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Eickman, Guggenhime, Harris, O'Connor, Orr, Ruiz
Noes: Commissioners McAteer

10. PERMIT AND RESERVATIONS POLICY
SIX MONTH REVIEW

Review and revision of the permit and reservations policy for use of facilities under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Department as required by Park Code Section 7.03-IV, Resolution 15431.

Joel Robinson, Superintendent of Recreation, explained that this item was reviewed by the Parks and Planning Committee, and is the six month review of the Permit and Reservation Policy. Mr. Robinson presented the specific language regarding martial artists/tai chi use of park facilities.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Harris, seconded by Commissioner Orr, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15585

RESOLVED, That this Commission reviews and approves the revision of the permit and reservations policy for use of facilities under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Department as required by Park Code Section 7.03-IV, Resolution 15431.

11. GIFT POLICY
AMENDMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS

Approval of amendments and modifications to the gift policy.

Deborah Learner, Park Planner, explained that revisions and modifications to the gift policy were reviewed by the Parks and Planning Committee. The revisions to the gift policy offer prospective donors a definition of gifts and sets forth procedures and guidelines. Staff will report yearly to the Commission how the gift policy has been been administered.

Commissioner Orr noted that the revisions to the gift policy will make it easier for the Commission to rule on proposed gifts since the rules and regulations are much more clearly defined.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Orr, seconded by Commissioner O'Connor, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15586

RESOLVED, That this Commission does hereby approve the following amendments to the Policy for Acceptance of major and memorial gifts, including those from foreign governments:

11. GIFT POLICY
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POLICY FOR ACCEPTANCE OF MAJOR AND MEMORIAL GIFTS

I. INTRODUCTION

Every year hundreds of gifts are donated to the Recreation and Park Department. Most gifts directly support recreation program objectives or enhance existing and developing horticultural features within San Francisco's many parks, squares and recreational facilities. Other gifts are also offered that serve to commemorate particular individuals, events or organizations, or are of artistic merit.

The first consideration of the Recreation and Park Commission, as stewards of San Francisco's parks and open spaces, is the preservation of open space and accepting gifts which preserve this precious legacy for future generations. The policy for acceptance of major and memorial gifts therefore is intended to be restrictive in nature, particularly in regard to monuments, plaques, sculptures, artworks or structures which are proposed to be sited on park lands, and which may not directly relate to preservation, maintenance or enhancement of San Francisco's parks, squares, recreation centers and programs.

In recognition of the high recreational and open space value of parklands belonging to the City and County of San Francisco and in recognition of the many horticultural features, recreational programs and activities and facilities that may compete for use of certain parks, open spaces or recreational facilities, the San Francisco Recreation and Park Commission adopts the following policy for acceptance of major and memorial gifts.

II. DEFINITIONS

1. **A "major gift"** is defined as having a value in excess of $1,000.

2. **A memorial gift** commemorates a deceased person or an event. A memorial gift may include, but is not limited to, any of the following: sculpture, art work, monuments, plaques, fountains, gardens, benches, or park amenities. Improvements made in a public park become the property of the City and County of San Francisco.

3. **Sculpture and other permanent art work** includes representational and abstract pieces.

4. **Monuments** are structures, sculpture, or other objects such as a stone marker erected to perpetuate the memory of a person or of an event. Monuments may include inscriptions or plaques.

5. **Plaques** are either simple plates, disks, or slab of metal or other material affixed to a statue, ground, wall stone or other material with an inscription or ornamentation. The size should be a maximum of 2' x 2', preferably smaller. Plaques may be installed as part of a larger, more intrusive setting. Examples include plaques installed as part of a structure, restoration or landscape improvement.

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6. **Fountains** are water features which may be fairly simple or large and complex. Fountains typically require additional infrastructure (plumbing and electrical) and a higher level of maintenance is implied.

7. **Memorial trees** are trees planted in memory or honor of an individual, event or organization in keeping with the memorial tree program administered by the Urban Forestry Division of the Recreation and Park Department.

8. **Basic park amenities** include such typical park furnishings as benches, picnic tables, drinking fountains and trash receptacles.

9. **Memorial gardens, plazas or other landscape improvements** may include some of the objects listed above but go beyond that to include a spatial experience.

10. **Other gifts** is a "catch-all" category intended to cover proposals that may not fit into any of the categories previously described.

III. APPROVAL GUIDELINES

1. **Type of gifts encouraged, discouraged**: The Recreation and Park Department encourages such gifts as memorial trees and benches (see Section V #13 for Memorial Bench guidelines), the naming of programs in someone's honor or memory, or endowment of a staff position. The Recreation and Park Commission may approve and periodically update a list of specific projects or improvements that are suitable gifts.

   Gifts valued at less than $250, including but not limited to horticultural material, cash, benches, trash receptacles, books, artwork, maintenance supplies, playground apparatus and personal services, are exempt from the procedures contained herein and shall be referred to the full Commission for routine acceptance pursuant to the City's Administrative Code.

   The Department generally discourages memorial gifts including plaques, monuments, signs, or sculpture for placement in parks and open spaces.

2. **Site Selection** shall be determined by considering such matters as the quality, character, size and proportions of the gift, the contribution of the gift to park landscape or urban design; the relationship of the gift to priorities already established for the Recreation and Park Department.

   Several siting options should be considered when gifts are proposed. Donors may be asked to broaden their search for an appropriate location and consider other public or privately owned spaces which may provide a more suitable location.

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3. **Maintenance** If basic park amenities meet park standards for construction and materials, the Recreation and Park Department will assume maintenance responsibilities. If the donor requests materials and/or design that is not standard and will cause increased maintenance, the donor will be asked to provide a maintenance endowment at the time the gift is approved, as part of the acceptance agreement.

4. **Relocation or Removal** The Recreation and Park Department reserves the right to resite or remove a gift if it becomes a hazard or liability or if the approved terms of acceptance are not fulfilled. The Commission, working with the Arts Commission, may consider the deaccession of works of art.

5. **Acceptance Agreement** An acceptance agreement which includes a description of the proposed gift, the location selected, site modifications and the maintenance endowment requirements, and other pertinent information relative to the placement of the gift will be prepared and presented to the Commission when a gift is considered for final Commission approval.

6. **Restricted sites**: Art installations, permanent or temporary, shall not be permitted in the following natural or undeveloped open spaces:

a. Bernal Heights Park
b. Bayview Park
c. Billy Goat Hill
d. Brooks Property
e. Corona Heights Park
f. Dorothy Erskine Park
g. Duncan Castro Lots
h. Edgehill Mountain
i. Everson Digby Lots
j. Fairmont Plaza
k. Glen Canyon
l. Golden Gate Heights
m. Grandview Heights
n. Interior Green Belt
o. Lake Merced (Water Department jurisdiction)
p. Lake View Ashton Mini Park
q. Twin Peaks
r. Tank Hill
s. Kite Hill
t. Park-Presidio Blvd.(median strip)

IV. APPROVAL CRITERIA

Major gift proposals will be judged on the following approval criteria.

1. **Appropriateness** A determination of appropriateness will be based on the following considerations:

° a. Gift acceptance and placement should be in accordance with adopted policy and current or historic land use or master plans and should be in keeping with general Recreation and Park Department goals. If there is no current or historic master plan, the Recreation and Park Department shall prepare a "Statement of Character" which describes how the proposed gift relates to the design and character of the suggested park site. The location and design of the gift should be consistent with the character and design intentions of the park. The quality, scale, and character of the gift should be at a level commensurate with the particular park setting.

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° b. The gift should significantly contribute to the park setting, from a functional or design standpoint, and significantly enhance the chosen location in a way meaningful to park visitors.

° c. The location of the gift will not interfere with existing and proposed circulation and use patterns of the park.

° d. **Memorial gifts** will also be judged on the following items to determine appropriateness:

i) Significance: If a person or event being memorialized they/it must be deemed significant enough to merit such an honor. The person so honored shall have been deceased for a minimum of five years. Events shall have taken place at least 5 years prior to consideration of a proposed memorial gift.

ii) The memorial represents broad community values.

iii) The memorial has timeless qualities and makes a statement of significance to future generations.

iv) The location under consideration is an appropriate setting for the memorial; in general, there should be some specific geographic justification for the memorial being located in a specific spot.

2. **Conditions or Restrictions attached to the gift** may limit its placement on park lands and should be clearly delineated in any gift request.

3. **Funding** includes costs for fabrication, installation, insurance and maintenance. These costs must be underwritten by the project sponsor.

4. **Maintenance** Any display or placement of artwork, whether temporary or permanent, must be backed by insurance, a bond or endowment fund adequate to ensure its care so that the gift will remain in a condition satisfactory to the donor and the Department. The posted insurance or bond must also cover costs of installation and/or removal. Maintenance includes not only care of the gift itself, but of the parkland immediately surrounding the gift.

5. **Security Requirement** Some gifts will require special security or may be subject to vandalism. This is a factor that creates a liability to the Recreation and Park Department and must be addressed in a gift proposal.

6. **Durability** Gifts must be designed of durable materials and placed in a manner that will reduce the potential for vandalism.

7. **Safety** Gifts must be safely designed and not present an attractive nuisance or create hazards for children.

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8. **Engineering Requirements** Utility connections, site modifications, structural reinforcements or other engineering requirements or site modifications should be described in the gift proposal and developed in construction plans and specifications.

V. **PROCEDURES**

1. **Review of Gift Policy** Project sponsor should review the gift policy to assure that proposed gifts are consistent with the approval criteria. Copies of the gift policy as well as the naming policy are available by contacting the Recreation and Park Commission Secretary.

2. **Consultation With Staff** It is often helpful if a project sponsor consults with staff prior to preparing a written proposal. A project sponsor should call the Commission Secretary or General Manager's Office for gift policy information or to request a consultation with staff.

3. **Submission of a Written Proposal** A written proposal should be submitted to the General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department. The proposal should include as much detail as possible and address the Approval Criteria (Section IV) of the gift policy. Preliminary sketches, site alternatives, plaque wording and a schedule should be included in the written proposal. Donors should not select specific designs prior to "approval in principle" of the proposal and site.

4. **Staff Review and Recommendation** Staff will review the proposal and prepare a recommendation for consideration by the Recreation and Park Commission. If no current master plan exists, or if there is some reason to question the suggested location in light of circulation or use patterns, the proposal will be delayed until an analysis can be done. Where a master plan exists and a proposed gift is at variance to the master plan, the proposal will be processed as an amendment to the master plan. Staff may meet with the donor to request additional information or suggest modifications before a recommendation is conveyed to the Recreation and Park Commission.

5. **Committee Review** The Parks and Planning Committee of the Commission shall review each major gift proposal at a public hearing to determine if said gift is consistent with the adopted gift policy and the land use and management objectives of the Commission. The Committee may recommend approval or denial by the full Commission, or request modification or continued consultation with staff.

6. **Commission Approval** Following Committee review and recommendation, a major gift proposal will be referred to the full Commission for consideration of acceptance "in principle".

7. **Design Development** After a gift has been accepted "in principle," by the full Commission, specific plans for site design, installation, maintenance and protection may be undertaken in cooperation with the Department.

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8. **Arts Commission Approval** Certain gifts, after having been accepted "in principle" by the Recreation and Park Commission, must receive approval by the Arts Commission. Gifts requiring Arts Commission approval include, but are not necessarily limited to, sculpture and other art work, plaques, structures, and fountains.

9. **Additional Approvals Required** Gifts may require approvals from other agencies and jurisdictions or may be subject to an environmental evaluation. Project sponsors should consult with staff to determine if additional approvals are required.

10. **Final Commission Approval** After plans are developed and financing arranged, and subject to required approvals from other agencies and jurisdictions, the project, including an agreement with terms of acceptance, shall be brought before the Commission for final consideration.

11. **Board of Supervisors Confirmation** Approval of acceptance of gifts by the Commission with a value of $5,000 or more must be confirmed by the Board of Supervisors before construction may begin.

12. **Gifts from Foreign Governments** Gifts offered by foreign governments for statuary or landscape development present special problems and shall be given special consideration. In the past, gifts have been accepted by City Officials prior to consideration by the Commission.

    So that the location of a gift enhances San Francisco and does not lessen park values, a committee shall be established composed of a representative from the Mayor's Office, a member of the Recreation and Park Commission, a member of the Arts Commission and the General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department.

    As warranted, the Director of the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, The Director of the Academy of Sciences, the Director of the Department of Public Works, the Director of the Zoological Gardens, the Director of the Arboretum may be added as committee members. This Committee shall give expeditious consideration to such gifts and report their findings to the Mayor and to the Recreation and Park Commission. Gifts presented by foreign governments are subject to the same approval criteria, including the requirement of a maintenance endowment fund, as other proposed major gifts.

13. **Memorial Bench Policy Guidelines** The following guidelines are hereby provided for the administration, design, placement and maintenance of memorial benches within the parks, squares and playgrounds throughout San Francisco. Proposed memorials that might serve as benches, but are not a standard bench design, will be reviewed relative to the policy for major or memorial gifts.

    a. **Consistency with Existing Policies and Master Plan and Department Goals:** Memorial bench gift acceptance and placement should be in accordance with adopted policy and land use plans for parks for which master plans have been prepared (i.e., Golden Gate Park). Benches should be in keeping with general Recreation and Park Department goals for specific parks, and should enhance the chosen location in a way meaningful to park visitors.

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b. **Duration of Gift** The name recognition for the memorial bench would last through the life of the bench. Routine maintenance and repair of vandalized parts will sustain the normal life cycle of the bench (5 years). Donors will have an opportunity to renew their contribution, at replacement cost, after the five year period.

c. **Contribution** Gift contributions for a memorial bench should be a minimum of $3,000 as a donation which covers the purchase, installation, routine maintenance and repair of the bench, administrative costs of the Memorial Bench Program and contributes to a park maintenance endowment fund.

Contributions should be made to the Friends of Recreation and Parks Memorial Bench Fund. A portion of each contribution, equaling not more than 15% of the contribution, shall be held by the fund administrator in the "Memorial Bench Fund" for bench maintenance and repair. Not more than 10% of the total donation will be available to the park section where the bench is sited for routine maintenance. The balance of the contribution, after expenditures for bench purchase, plaque fabrication and installation, is to be deposited in a park maintenance endowment fund.

A bench sponsor's agreement will accompany each contribution specifying the conditions of the donation, including replacement costs should the bench or plaque be severely damaged.

d. **Administration** The Arboretum Society and the Zoological Society currently administer their own memorial bench programs. A Memorial Bench Program sponsored by the Friends of Recreation and Parks, modeled after the Memorial Tree Program, will assume responsibilities for coordinating and administering the Bench Program for all other park properties.

Administrative responsibilities will include working with donors and park staff in conducting the memorial bench program, maintaining a computerized data base of bench type and location, creation of a commemorative map, donor certification, and routine inspection and maintenance.

e. **Bench Design** The design criteria include: compatibility with existing park furniture, durability and low maintenance. Benches are typically 6 or 8 feet long. The Memorial Bench Program will establish standard designs approved by the Park Division.

f. **Plaque Design** A standard bronze plaque measuring 5 inches high by 8 inches long, with a plain, raised border and classic (or Claredon) raised letters on a brown pebble background will be used for commemorative messages. The plaque size accommodates up to 100 characters, which could include the names of the person(s) honored and the donor and dates. Short messages should follow guidelines provided by staff.

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g. **Bench Location** Initially the Memorial Bench Program will focus on the Music Concourse in Golden Gate Park. New locations may be added at the discretion of the Superintendent of Parks.

The Memorial Bench Program should predetermine the locations within parks where new benches are planned or are appropriate, or where existing benches need replacement. Donors will be consulted for preference on the location of their gift bench. Bench donors will be given site maps showing the agreed upon location.

Patrons will be informed that their preferred bench location may need to change if the park plan is revised or if excessive vandalism occurs. Donors would be notified of any location change following installation. The Recreation and Park Department will reserve the right to resite or remove a memorial bench if it becomes a hazard or a liability.

h. **Bench Installation and Maintenance** Bench installation and maintenance will be supervised and performed by Recreation and Park staff and charged to the Friends Bench Fund. The activity may be assisted by the Friends part-time staff or volunteers assigned to the Memorial Bench Program.

12. ART SHOWS
WASHINGTON SQUARE, UNION SQUARE AND HOOVER REDWOOD GROVE

Consideration of the request by San Francisco Society of Fine Arts and The Artists' Guild of San Francisco to reserve a portion of Washington Square, Union Square and Hoover Redwood Grove on specified dates in 1990 for art shows.

Sharon Moyer, Assistant Recreation Supervisor explained that this item is a request from the San Francisco Society of Fine Arts and the Artists Guild, to stage two-day art show events for 1990 at various park facilities.

In response to Commissioner McAteer's question, Ms. Moyer, explained that the art shows begin at 9:00 a.m. and close at dusk.

Mary E. Burns, General Manager, explained that if another request is received for use of Union Square during the year, then the artists must move their show to the other end of the park or cancel their show.

In response to Commissioner McAteer's question, a representative from the artists explained that sales are conducted, but not on park property, and that they attempt to have the shows look less commercial by discreetly placing small white price tags on the artwork.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner McAteer, seconded by Commissioner O'Connor, the following resolution was adopted:

12. ART SHOWS
WASHINGTON SQUARE, UNION SQUARE AND HOOVER REDWOOD GROVE (Continued)

RES. NO. 15587

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request by San Francisco Society of Fine Arts and The Artists' Guild of San Francisco to reserve a portion of Washington Square, Union Square and Hoover Redwood Grove on the following dates in 1990 for art shows:

The Artists' Guild of San Francisco

°Hoover Redwood Grove, Golden Gate Park

02/10/90 and 02/11/90	02/24/90 and 02/25/90	03/03/90 and 03/04/90
03/17/90 and 03/18/90	04/07/90 and 04/08/90	04/21/90 and 04/22/90
05/05/90 and 05/06/90	05/26/90 and 05/27/90	06/02/90 and 06/03/90
06/16/90 and 06/17/90	06/30/90 and 07/01/90	07/07/90 and 07/08/90
07/28/90 and 07/29/90	08/11/90 and 08/12/90	09/01/90, 9/2/90, 9/3/90
09/15/90 and 09/16/90	09/29/90 and 09/30/90	10/13/90 and 10/14/90
10/27/90 and 10/28/90	11/03/90 and 11/04/90	11/17/90 and 11/18/90

°Union Square

02/03/90 and 02/04/90	03/24/90 and 03/25/90	04/28/90 and 04/29/90
05/12/90 and 05/13/90	06/23/90 and 06/24/90	07/21/90 and 07/22/90
08/25/90 and 08/26/90	09/22/90 and 09/23/90	10/06/90 and 10/07/90
11/24/90 and 11/25/90		

The Artists' Guild of San Francisco

°Washington Square

02/17/90 and 02/18/90	03/10/90 and 03/11/90	04/14/90 and 04/15/90
05/19/90 and 05/20/90	06/09/90 and 06/10/90	07/14/90 and 07/15/90
08/04/90 and 08/05/90	09/08/90 and 09/09/90	10/20/90 and 10/21/90
11/10/90 and 11/11/90		

San Francisco Society of Fine Arts

°Hoover Redwood Grove, Golden Gate Park

02/17/90 and 02/18/90	03/10/90 and 03/11/90	05/19/90 and 05/20/90
07/21/90 and 07/22/90	08/04/90 and 08/05/90	09/08/90 and 09/09/90
10/20/90 and 10/21/90	11/10/90 and 11/11/90	

°Union Square

01/27/90 and 01/28/90	02/24/90 and 02/25/90	03/17/90 and 03/18/90
04/21/90 and 04/22/90	05/05/90 and 05/06/90	06/09/90 and 06/10/90
07/14/90 and 07/15/90	09/01/90 thru 09/03/90	10/13/90 and 10/14/90
11/17/90 and 11/18/90	12/01/90 and 12/02/90	12/08/90 and 12/09/90

°Washington Square

02/10/90 and 02/11/90	04/07/90 and 04/08/90	05/26/90 and 05/27/90
06/16/90 and 06/17/90	07/07/90 and 07/08/90	08/11/90 and 08/12/90
09/15/90 and 09/16/90	10/06/90 and 10/07/90	

13. **GREAT HIGHWAY**
TRANSFER OF PROPERTY

Approval of transfer of property to Golden Gate National Recreation Area for construction of restrooms at Ocean Beach with conditions of approval.

Deborah Learner, Park Planner, explained that this item involves the transfer of property to the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) to construct restrooms. The GGNRA would like to construct a restroom at Ocean Beach; opposite the 6th beach stairway, south of the Cliff House; the restroom would straddle Recreation and Park property and GGNRA property. On 8/17/89 the Commission approved this matter with the inclusion of a condition of approval which provided that if the restroom was not used as originally intended and was unused for a period of more than twelve (12) months, the property would revert to the City and County of San Francisco and that GGNRA would be required to remove the restroom structure at its expense. Since that meeting, the reversion clause was discussed with the City Attorney and the GGNRA. It was recommended that the prior resolution adopted by the Commission (Resolution #15451) be rescinded and a new resolution be adopted with conditions that stipulate that the GGNRA must agree to provide public restrooms to be maintained as such on a regularly scheduled basis.

Mary E. Burns, General Manager, explained that the clause as adopted on 8/17/89 was not legally acceptable to the GGNRA.

A. R. Roderick, representing the Tides-End Community Association, explained that there was concern that this restroom could be used in a different manner in the future. He referenced documents signed by the Director of Property, Real Estate Department, and GGNRA in 1975 which contained a reversion clause. He felt that there was an allowable reversion clause and preferred to keep the resolution previously adopted. He was concerned that without specific language protecting the usage of the building the use of the building could be changed in the future.

Frances Larkin, noted that the GGNRA has shown much disrespect to the area by keeping a debris box on the Ocean Beach area for over a year. She was concerned that they did not exhibit enough care about the area.

Ms. Learner clarified the point that the only proposed change is that the GGNRA would not be required to remove the building should it cease to function as a restroom. The Charter reversion clause would remain in effect.

Mara Rosales, Deputy City Attorney, stated that per the reversionary clause, the land must be used for recreational purposes. If GGNRA discontinued using the building as a restroom but used it for a recreational purpose, then the property would not revert back to the City.

Ms. Burns explained that she was not inclined to turn over land to another agency if she did not approve of the use of the building. She wanted the conditions clearly defined.

Commissioner Guggenhime felt there was a contractual obligation because Recreation and Park is willing to give the land to the GGNRA with the stipulation that the GGNRA will maintain the building as a restroom on a regularly scheduled basis and if they do not do that they are in breach of the conditions of approval.

13. **GREAT HIGHWAY**
TRANSFER OF PROPERTY (Continued)

It was moved, seconded and carried to rescind Resolution 15451, adopted on 8/17/89.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Guggenhime, seconded by Commissioner Or, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15588

RESOLVED, That this Commission rescinds Resolution No. 15451, adopted on 8/17/89, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the transfer of property to Golden Gate National Recreation Area for construction of restrooms at Ocean Beach with conditions of approval agreed to by the Golden Gate National Area.

14. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
SHAKESPEARE GARDEN

Approval of conceptual plans for Shakespeare Garden rehabilitation.

Deborah Learner, Park Planner, explained that this item relates to improvements to be made to the Shakespeare Garden in Golden Gate Park. Friends of Recreation and Parks will provide the funding for this project and the design, prepared by the Department of Public Works, has been reviewed by staff. The garden is used for weddings and other celebrations: the design is in keeping with an Elizabethan garden. Elements of the design include: a new entry area made of brick, an arbor, an expansion of paving around the monument area and improved planting beds.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner McAteer, seconded by Commissioner Orr, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15589

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the conceptual plans for Shakespeare Garden rehabilitation.

15. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT
MEMORIAL ART WORK

Denial to accept a gift of Memorial Artwork to be placed in the west end of Golden Gate Park.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Guggenhime, seconded by Commissioner Orr, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15590

RESOLVED, That this Commission denies the acceptance of a gift from Cathy and James Lentz of Memorial Artwork in the form of a piece of sculpture from a sigle block of sierra granite for placement in the west end of

16. **CROCKER AMAZON PARK**
LIGHTING PROJECT

Approval of lighting projects at Crocker Amazon Park.

Deborah Learner, Park Planner, explained this item relates to a lighting project at Crocker Amazon Park. A community meeting was held and the highest priorities identified were parking and security lighting and soccer field lighting. A number of people representing the soccer community expressed their support at the Committee level to provide field lights. Currently, there are no night lit soccer fields in the Department. The height of the towers on the field lights have been discussed. There was concern that the night lighting of the parking lot would create adverse impact on the area since the mission blue butterfly, an endangered species, has been spotted in a field east of this area. This issue has been resolved. Other lighting projects include softball field lighting and basketball and tennis court lighting. Funds are available through the 1987 City Park Bond issue.

Richard Kozicki, felt that the soccer field deserved to have lighting but was concerned about the height of the light standards. He urged that the 60' standards be used rather than the 100' standards because of the glare from the lights. He also wanted funding set aside for the restrooms at the eastern end of the park.

Ms. Learner explained there is a plan to renovate existing restrooms by the bleachers, near the soccer field.

Jeanna Haney, was not pleased about the lighting project since she lives directly across the street from the soccer field. She was concerned that there may be increased usage of the park because of the lighting project and noted that the park looks better than it has in the past even though there has been a reduction in park staff. She felt that if the park usage increases, as it will through night use, then the gardening staff should be increased to maintain the level of gardening that is now present.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Orr, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15591

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the lighting projects at Crocker Amazon Park.

17. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
INTERIM COMMUTER PARKING REGULATIONS

Approval of three hour limit along portions of Bowling Green and Middle Drive East, Golden Gate Park.

Deborah Learner, Park Planner, explained there has been a long discussion and review of the possible alternatives for providing appropriate commuter parking regulations that could be enforced in Golden Gate Park. Staff felt that the Department could enforce a 3-hour limit in the immediate area around the tennis court section of the park. This proposal is an interim measure and will include enforcement by Park Patrol officers. If it is successful in alleviating some of the congestion in that area, staff may consider extending the perimeters. There will be a

17. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
INTERIM COMMUTER PARKING REGULATIONS (Continued)

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner O'Connor, seconded by Commissioner Guggenhime, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15592

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the three hour limit along portions of Bowling Green and Middle Drive East, Golden Gate Park.

18. **HAYES VALLEY**
RENOVATION PLAN

Approval of conceptual plan for installation of new play apparatus, new plantings and the re-paving of the play court adjacent to the clubhouse, Hayes Valley Play area.

Timothy Lillyquist, Assistant to the General Manager, explained this item is a $150,000 renovation of the children's play area at Hayes Valley play area located at Buchanan and Hayes Street in the Western Addition. Elements of the renovation plan include: installation of new apparatus, a two-tiered play level with a treehouse on the second level, new plantings and the re-paving of the play court adjacent to the clubhouse. A community meeting was also held to discuss the renovation plan.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Orr, seconded by Commissioner McAteer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15593

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the conceptual plan for installation of new play apparatus, new plantings and the re-paving of the play court adjacent to the clubhouse, Hayes Valley Play area.

19. **SHARP PARK ROAD**
ROADWAY WIDENING PROJECT

Approval of roadway widening project, Sharp Park Road.

Park Planner Deborah Learner, explained that Sharp Park Road is going to be widened and slightly realigned by the City of Pacifica. A portion of the roadway goes through Recreation and Park property. The Commission gave conceptual approval of this project. Staff had concerns about soil erosion and construction which have all been addressed. This matter has been calendared for final consideration as required in the environmental impact report.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Harris, seconded by Commissioner Orr, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15594

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the roadway widening project, Sharp Park Road.

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Mara Rosales, Deputy City Attorney, explained that the Golf and Yacht Harbor Committee posed a question for her research. Since the impact of her advice may vary with each of the following Marina items, and each matter could be the subject of litigation, she requested that the Commission meet in closed session.

5:20 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. the Commission convened in Executive Session to discuss pending litigation with regard to Items #20-25.

Ms. Rosales explained that, based upon her advice, Items 20, 21, 22, 23, and 25 would be referred to her office for review. The berth holders present were told to expect to attend a meeting with Ms. Rosales and Gary Davis, the Interim Marina Manager, in the near future.

20. MARINA YACHT HARBOR
APPEAL OF CANCELLATION OF BERTH

Appeal by James Cois of the cancellation of Berth #655 at the Marina Yacht Harbor.

This item was removed from the Calendar and referred to the City Attorney.

21. MARINA YACHT HARBOR
APPEAL OF CANCELLATION OF BERTH

Appeal by Steven Kellenberger of the cancellation of Berth #653 at the Marina Yacht Harbor.

This item was removed from the Calendar and referred to the City Attorney.

22. MARINA YACHT HARBOR
APPEAL OF CANCELLATION OF BERTH

Appeal by Paul Lampert of the cancellation of Berth #131 at the Marina Yacht Harbor.

This item was removed from the Calendar and referred to the City Attorney.

23. MARINA YACHT HARBOR
APPEAL OF CANCELLATION OF BERTH

Appeal by Milton Morris of the cancellation of Berth #304 at the Marina Yacht Harbor.

This item was removed from the Calendar and referred to the City Attorney.

24. MARINA YACHT HARBOR
APPEAL OF CANCELLATION OF BERTH

Appeal by Gerald Chappell of the cancellation of Berth #632 at the Marina Yacht Harbor.

Commissioner Guggenhime noted that the Golf and Yacht Harbor Committee had recommended reversal of the cancellation of berth #6321.

On recommendation of the Golf and Yacht Harbor Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Guggenhime, seconded by Commissioner O'Connor, the following resolution was adopted;

RES. NO. 15595

RESOLVED, That this Commission reverses the cancellation of Berth #632 at the Marina Yacht Harbor.

25. MARINA YACHT HARBOR
ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL BERTH

Denial of acquisition of additional berth (#440) by Vincent Barsocchini at the Marina Yacht Harbor.

This item was removed from the Calendar and referred to the City Attorney.

26. SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY FAIR
APPROVAL OF BUDGET

Approval of annual budget for the San Francisco County Fair in an amount not to exceed $200,000 for operation of 1990 County Fair.

Wald Valen, Arboretum Director, explained that this item is the budget for the 1990 County Fair. The Finance and Administration Committee approved this item and staff plans to request $70,000 from the State Program Assistance Fund to help offset the cost of the 1990 County Fair. He recommended approval.

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Guggenhime, seconded by Commissioner McAteer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15596

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the annual budget for the San Francisco County Fair in an amount not to exceed $200,000 for operation of 1990 County Fair.

27. LAKE MERCED BOATHOUSE
ROW-ROW-ROW YOUR BOAT
ASSIGNMENT CONDITIONS

Approval of conditions on assignment and action on proposed assignment to Alex Wilson-Sowah and Susan Pettigrew for the operation of the Lake Merced Boathouse.

This item was removed from the Calendar.

28. **BEACH CHALET GROUP**
REJECTION OF BID

Approval/Rejection of bid from the Beach Chalet Group for the operation of Beach Chalet.

This item was removed from the Calendar.

29. **MERCHANDISE CONCESSION PROJECT**
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Approval of "Merchandise Request for Proposals" for the Merchandise Concession project.

Ernie Prindle, Assistant General Manager for Finance and Property, explained that this item was considered by the Finance and Administration Committee, and he recommended approval.

Commissioner Guggenhime noted that the Committee considered this matter thoroughly and that the Union Square Association had expressed some concern over the proposed concession to be placed at Union Square.

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Guggenhime, seconded by Commissioner O'Connor, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15597

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the "Merchandise Request for Proposals" for the Merchandise Concession project, Recreation and Park Department.

30. **CAMP MATHER**
SADDLE HORSE CONCESSION

Approval of request for proposals for operation of Camp Mather Saddle Horse Concession.

Ernie Prindle, Assistant General Manager for Finance and Property, explained that the Department has been operating under a year-to-year agreement for the Camp Mather saddle horse concession with Mr. Jay Barnes. This item is a request for a multiple year agreement for this concession and was considered and approved by the Finance and Administration Committee. He reiterated the point that while Mr. Barnes currently is the concessionaire and is expected to bid on this item, staff will also be entertaining other bidders.

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner McAteer, seconded by Commissioner Orr, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15598

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request for proposals for operation of Camp Mather Saddle Horse Concession.

31. **HOM AND PON**
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Approval of accounting methodology which is a part of the settlement agreement between Pon and Hom and the City and County of San Francisco.

Mara Rosales, Deputy City Attorney, presented the accounting methodology and controls for Hom and Pon which has been agreed upon by representatives from the Controller's Office, the City Attorney and the Department. The methodology sets out specific recommendations and requirements and additional requirements for the stationary concession stand. The mobile units are defined as all locations except the bandshell area. All merchandise will come to a central location and be documented that it has been received by both the person delivering and receiving the merchandise. In the event that electricity becomes available in any of the mobile units in the future, then, at that time, the tenant will be required to install electronic registers.

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Orr, seconded by Commissioner Harris, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15599

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the accounting methodology and the settlement agreement between Pon and Hom and the City and County of San Francisco.

31A. **CONSERVATORY OF FLOWERS**
CONSERVATORY AUXILIARY

Authorization for the Conservatory Auxiliary to expend a sum of money not to exceed $10,000, to do reglazing of the Conservatory of Flowers, Golden Gate Park.

Barney Barron, Superintendent of Parks, explained that this item is a request from the Conservatory Auxiliary to expend from its budget a sum not to exceed $10,000 to do reglazing work. The Conservatory of Flowers suffered some damage from the 10/17/89 earthquake and this reglazing work will help repair this building.

On motion of Commissioner Guggenhime, seconded by Commissioner O'Connor, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15600

RESOLVED, That this Commission grants authorization for the Conservatory Auxiliary to expend a sum of money not to exceed $10,000, to do reglazing of the Conservatory of Flowers, Golden Gate Park.

31B. **PARK DIVISION**
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

Approval to submit a supplemental appropriation in the amount of $10,058, for one custodian position at Civic Center from 2/1/90 to 6/30/90.

Mary E. Burns, General Manager, explained that this item is a request for an additional custodian at Civic Center Plaza. There have been serious problems at this park facility with a number of people residing in the area. The Mayor would like additional custodian help at this park site.

On motion of Commissioner McAteer, seconded by Commissioner Guggenhime, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15601

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the submittal of a supplemental appropriation in the amount of $10,058, for one custodian position at Civic Center from 2/1/90 to 6/30/90.

31C. **RECREATION DIVISION**
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

Approval to submit a supplemental appropriation in the amount of $3,000, to institute a boxing program in the Recreation Division.

Joel Robinson, Superintendent of Recreation, explained this item is a request to expend $3,000 from the Revenue Fund to create a boxing program at Milton Meyer Recreation Center in conjunction with San Francisco Police Athletics League (PAL). The PAL had an interest to serve the needs of the Bayview-Hunter's Point community with a boxing program, using the (PAL) liability insurance as an umbrella for this type of activity. The Department will provide the boxing equipment.

On motion of Commissioner McAteer, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15602

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the submission of a supplemental appropriation in the amount of $3,000, to institute a boxing program in the Recreation Division.

32. **ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS**

On motion of Commissioner Orr, seconded by Commissioner O'Connor, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15603

RESOLVED, That this Commission accepts the following gifts valued at $29,315.00, for the Recreation and Park Department:

a. From M. Zafar Iqbal, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $150.00, in memory of his brother, Waheed Iqbal, for use in Golden Gate Park.

b. From Smith and Hawken, flowering bulbs, valued at $4,553.00, for the Conservatory of Flowers and the Strybing Arboretum, Golden Gate Park.

c. From Aqua Metrics Company, a moisture sensing system for Candlestick Park, valued at $4,500.00.

d. From Friends of Recreation and Parks, one (1) eight-passenger van, equipped with a wheel chairlift and tie down for two wheelchairs, valued at $24,612.00, for use by the Special Needs Division.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate letters of thanks be sent to the donors.

33. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission. Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President or the Commission may limit the total testimony to 30 minutes.

Margaret Brodkin, representing Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth, spoke to the Commission regarding budget planning and her interest to increase children programming in the City. She noted that Recreation and Park Department has been a key focus for children programs. She presented an outline of the programs her organization felt were needed for the City's children, including the better utilization of programs for children and an extensive expansion of the teen program.

Eva Maas, representing Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth, thanked the Commission for its work in supporting children activities and its expansion of recreational services for latchkey programs. She spoke of the need for services for the afterschool program and teens. She further noted that Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth has recommended the creation of four outreach workers to inform the community of the programs available to the City's youth.

34. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Eickman expressed his pleasure of being president for the past two years. He felt that it was necessary to have a change in the presidency and noted that he was the commissioner who introduced legislation which imposed a two year consecutive term for the office of president/vice president.

35. RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of President and Vice President for calendar year 1990, in accordance with Resolution No. 11334.

Commissioner Harris nominated Connie O'Connor as president for calendar year 1990.

Commissioner Guggenhime nominated Keith Eickman as vice president for calendar year 1990.

Myra Snyder, Deputy Mayor, expressed her thanks, on behalf of the Mayor, to Keith Eickman for serving as President. She noted that the Mayor appreciates the hard work being done by the Recreation and Park Commission and Department. She looked forward to working with Recreation and Park in the future and was pleased with the sensitivity shown for the City's recreational needs.

36. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following Commission Committee reports were submitted:

Joint Zoo Committee Meeting of December 11, 1989
Parks and Planning Committee Meeting of January 4, 1990
Golf and Yacht Harbor Committee Meeting of January 10, 1990
Finance and Administration Committee Meeting of January 11, 1990

37. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Gloria Gorman, mother of Michael Gorman who works in the Permits and Reservation Section of the Recreation and Park Department.

There being no further business, the 643rd Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

Note: These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Recreation and Park Commission on matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological order in which the matters were taken up.

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MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1990 - 5:30 P.M.

The Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Wednesday, February 7, 1990, at 5:30 p.m. by President Connie O'Connor.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:
Commissioner Connie O'Connor, President
Commissioner Keith Eickman, Vice President
Commissioner Richard J. Guggenhime
Commissioner Tommy Harris
Commissioner Frances McAteer
Commissioner Trent Orr
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz

2. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS
CONFIRMATION OF ZOO DIRECTOR

Confirmation of the Director of the San Francisco Zoological Gardens. (Note: The Commission may convene in closed session regarding the Zoo Director position.)

Mary E. Burns, General Manager, presented Mr. David Anderson, Deputy Director of the Audubon Zoo, New Orleans, for confirmation as the Director of the San Francisco Zoological Gardens. The position of zoo director is a Civil Service exempt position requiring confirmation by the Recreation and Park Commission.

2. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS
CONFIRMATION OF ZOO DIRECTOR (Continued)

Ms. Burns outlined the extensive recruitment process which the Department followed for the Zoo Director position. Professionals were solicited and advertisements placed in the American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums publication. More than 40 applications were received. Commissioner Ruiz served on a committee to screen the applications and a short list of the most qualified candidates was compiled. Those candidates were then screened by a panel, on which Commissioner Eickman participated.

Ms. Burns visited Mr. Anderson twice at the Audubon Zoo, New Orleans, and has witnessed how he responds to employees and interacts with the public. She is delighted that he is interested in the Zoo Director position. She further noted his experience at New Orleans Audubon Zoo, which had been termed one of the 10 worst Zoos, now has the distinction of being considered one of the 10 best Zoos in the country. Mr. Anderson is an active member on many committees of the American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums (AAZPA) and will bring a broad range of experience to San Francisco. In addition, his interest in conservation was impressive. She was pleased to present Mr. Anderson as her candidate because he was ably suited for the position.

5:35 p.m. to 5:50 p.m. the Commission convened in Executive Session.

Margaret Burks, representing the San Francisco Zoological Society, noted Mr. Anderson's high qualifications and acknowledged that the Society would support him. Ms. Burks also thanked the Department for lending the services of **Phil Arnold, Assistant General Manager for Administration**, to the Zoo for the past 13 months.

On motion of Commissioner Orr, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15604

RESOLVED, That this Commission confirms the appointment of David Anderson as Zoo Director for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

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Ms. Burns thanked **Phil Arnold** for the year he spent at the Zoo, noting that it was very taxing for both him and her since she was without an assistant for such an extended period of time. She explained that Mr. Arnold performed admirably at the Zoo and that it would have been difficult to have gotten through the year without Mr. Arnold taking on the additional responsibility of Interim Zoo Director.

David Anderson, thanked the Commission for confirming his appointment. He pledged to make the San Francisco Zoo a world class zoo.

3. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 1990-91

Approval of the Recreation and Park Department baseline budget and augmentations for fiscal year 1990-91.

Mary E. Burns, General Manager, explained that the 1990-91 budget before the Commission could be labeled "unsettled" since the City is still analyzing the impact of the 10/17/89 earthquake on the revenues. The Mayor has informed departments that he would entertain new programs only if a funding source was identified and/or a cut in some other service made to offset the new program. The budget before the Commission does not entirely reflect those guidelines.

The earthquake has caused an impact on the value of property, a decrease in the number of visitors which has affected parking tax, hotel tax, etc. In addition, a number of other City taxes were put in place to address the City's deficit which contain sunset clauses that may or may not be extended. There have been a number of lawsuits which potentially could have an impact on the City's revenues.

In preparing the Department's budget staff tried to minimize any fee increases that would affect children's services. The Department tried to respond to the City's priorities - programs for children and youth in the Recreation Division and an emphasis on the Zoo. One of the outstanding issues before the Department is the substantial increase in the sewer service charge for the Zoo. Another issue is the equipment budget for the Department. The Department cannot continue to operate without setting aside funding for equipment.

The budget before the Commission is divided into three sections: 1) the baseline budget (funding to continue services that are already in place), 2) priority items (items which should be part of the Department's budget), and 3) a "wish list" (items and programs the Department would like to implement, if funding permitted). This budget does not contain any reductions because it is not clear whether or not the City's financial picture will necessitate this action. In addition, if reductions are necessary, it has not been determined whether those reductions will be considered by the Commission or the Mayor. In the future the Department plans to provide a funding for a Special Events Coordinator.

Other issues and priorities, long term, include:

- Needs at the Zoo
- Reorganization of the Aquatics Division to address safety issues and State requirements
- Recreation Division - The Department has emphasized programs for afterschool program for the 6-12 age bracket. This year the focus is on teen programs and services.
- Special Needs Division - Programs for elderly and physically handicapped.

Commissioner Guggenhime asked if it was the Department's intent to have the Commission adopt the entire budget, as presented.

Ms. Burns explained it would be her recommendation to have the Commission adopt the baseline and priority items of the budget.

3. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 1990-91 (Continued)

Ernie Prindle, Assistant General Manager for Finance and Property, explained that the Mayor has outlined his 1990-91 goals which focus on welfare, children, youth and families and enhancement of the vitality of San Francisco neighborhoods. The Department focuses much of its programs and activities on those two goals.

Mr. Prindle displayed charts which outlined the City's potential deficit.

Fiscal year 1990-91 Potential Deficit (In Millions)

	Best Case	Worst Case
89-90 Local Tax		-15.0
90-91 Property Tax		-03.6
Emergency		-09.0
Hetch Hetchy		-10.0
Lawsuits	+ 4.5	-11.0
Sunset-Tax		-18.0
Prop. 99	+26.0	
Laguna Honda		+11.0

Mr. Prindle explained that the Department's current year budget is $71.8 Million which represents an operating budget of $56 Million and a capital budget of $15 Million.

Fiscal Year 1990-91 Budget (in Millions)

OPERATING:	89-90	90-91 Base	90-91 Add-On
General	$34.1	$34.7	$35.6
° Open Space	7.3	7.6	7.9
° Candlestick	5.4	5.8	5.8
° Yacht Harbor	1.0	1.0	1.1
° Revenue	8.4	9.6	10.6
° Other	.2	.2	.2
SUB-TOTAL	$56.4	$58.9	$61.2

CAPITAL:	89-90	90-91 Base	90-91 Add-On
° General	$ .8	$ 1.8	$ 1.8
° Open Space	8.8	6.1	6.1
° Candlestick	4.9	4.7	4.7
° Yacht Harbor	.4	.4	.4
° Revenue	.5	.5	.5
SUB-TOTAL	$15.4	$13.5	$13.5
TOTAL:	**$71.8**	**$72.4**	**$74.8**

3. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 1990-91 (Continued)

Mr. Prindle highlighted the increase in the operating budget as follows:

Fiscal Year 1990-91
Operating Budget Increases (In thousands)

Mandatory (sewer service charge, City overhead City overhead charges, etc.)	$1,413	29.3%
Recreation Division (annualize 8 lifeguards, Teen programs, Sports Camps, etc.)	$1,063	22.0%
Administration/Finance (marketing funds, affirmative action officer, etc.)	228	4.7%
Park Division (Transfer 7 craft positions to Open Space, Increase Materials/Supplies, etc.)	$1,009	20.9%
Planning/Development (Transfer Accountant)	64	1.3%
Golf (Equipment maintenance, overtime, etc.)	386	8.0%
Zoo (Security, Annualization of Asst. Zoo Director, new clerical, etc.	664	13.8%
TOTAL	**$4,827**	**100%**

Mr. Prindle explained how the current budget and next year's proposed budget was funded as shown on the chart listed below. He explained the major difference is that the General Fund budget includes an $8 Million transfer from the Revenue Fund, $500,000 from the Candlestick Park Fund and $200,000 from Overhead Charges.

Budget Request (in Millions)

Budget Request	FY 89-90	Base	Add-On
	$71.8	$72.4	$74.8
General Fund			
Operating	25.4	25.4	25.4
Capital	.8	.8	.8
Open Space	16.1	13.8	14.0
Candlestick	10.8	11.0	11.1
Yacht Harbor	1.4	1.4	1.4
Revenue	16.9	16.5	16.5
Other	.4	.4	.4
	$71.8	$69.3	$69.6
Amount to be funded		$ 3.1	$ 5.2
General Fund			
Operating		.5	.5
Capital		.9	.9
BALANCE		**$ 1.7**	**$ 3.8**

Mr. Prindle finally outlined the potential ways the Department could offset the deficit shown above:

- Increase Zoo Admission fee
- Charge the Clean Water Program rent for use of park property
- Increase the Candlestick Park transfer to the General Fund
- Make reductions to the existing Budget
- Reduce the amount of requested increases
- Request an increase in General Fund support from the City
- Increased Department revenues, e.g., increase garage revenues
- Develop and increase Marketing/Special Events revenue

3. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 1990-91 (Continued)

Joel Robinson, Superintendent of Recreation, explained the Recreation Division's budget proposal as a way to enhance the Department's ability to provide quality care for the children and youth in San Francisco. He displayed a chart which depicted the Community Services Division which operates 72 recreation and park facilities throughout the City. He noted that a meeting was held last week with the Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth and that his organization feels the Department has added many programs for children and youth. In the past three years, 42 afterschool facilities were added to the Community Services Division as well as 3 Housing Authority facilities. 45 facilities were added in the last three years without any additional administrative support. Mr. Robinson proposed dividing the Community Services Division to create a Children and Youth Division and to add one new position, that of an Assistant Superintendent of Recreation. All of the afterschool, latchkey, day camps, and teen facilities would be under the Children and Youth Division.

Ms. Burns explained that the issue of community outreach has been of concern. Staff felt that it would be much more effective if the people who were actually operating a recreation program also be actively involved in the community outreach.

Mr. Robinson explained that in the most needy areas of the City there is poor attendance. Unfortunately, the on-site recreation directors do not have time to publicize and promote their programs with the community. He was proposing the addition of 2 half-time positions to enable the Recreation staff to make the community aware of the programs being offered.

Mr. Robinson also displayed a chart which compared the other two sections in the Recreation Division (Athletics/Aquatics and Cultural) which showed the dramatic difference in the size of the three divisions.

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Phil Arnold, Interim Zoo Director, highlighted the proposed budget for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens, and explained that last June CAL OSHA identified 22 major deficiencies at the Zoo. The Zoo Advisory Committee has also targeted serious funding problems at the Zoo. The Zoo's budget proposes:

- Funding for the Assistant Zoo Director and Veterinary Laboratory Technologist position
- Zoo security since the current security at the Zoo is inadequate. The budget request would provide for 7 park patrol positions

President O'Connor asked whether the existing funds for security could be used to hire park patrol staff with supplemental staff being made available from the park patrol staff already employed by the Department.

Mr. Arnold responded that the Zoo needs at minimum 7 full-time security staff and that the existing security funds would be sufficient for only 2.5 staff. He further stated that he did not believe that there were sufficient existing security staff to provide the security to both the Zoo and the other departmental facilities.

3. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 1990-91 (Continued)

Mr. Arnold also proposed an increase in the permanent salary account since the current one is not sufficiently funded. Other budget proposals for the Zoo included:

- Addition of an Assistant Industrial Hygienist position. A CAL-OSHA report found 58 specific problem areas at the Zoo. This position would assist in the area of employee health and safety issues.
- Addition of a secretary since the Zoo currently only has one clerical position for the entire Zoo staff. This position would assist in the record keeping procedures at the Zoo hospital.
- Overtime funding to meet contractual requirements for animal keepers
- Additional funding for a half/time veterinarian position at the Zoo to provide staffing on weekends, holidays and vacation periods.
- Increase in fringe benefit accounts
- Increase in materials and supplies and medical services

Equipment requests:

- Mechanical Sweeper. Currently the zoo grounds are swept by hand.
- Cushman carts. Current carts are very old and in poor condition. Cushman carts are the only type of vehicles permitted on Zoo grounds during the hours of public operations.
- Forklift
- Arms and Trash carts (attachments to trash compactors)
- 2 Cellular Phones to increase communication between park patrol officers
- Base Station for communication of a 2-way radios and walkie talkies.

Mr. Arnold has requested an increase of $2.5 Million in the facilities maintenance budget for the Zoo to hire full-time craft positions. Presently, there are two full-time projects at the Zoo: ventilating system and ceiling inside the Lion Grotto, Monkey Island and Gorilla World.

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Commissioner Guggenhime stated that the budget question being presented was one of prioritizing programs.

A representative from Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth was pleased to see that the Department incorporated many of their ideas. He urged the Commission to support the children and youth service programs and housing authority projects. He felt the children and youth division was an excellent idea and looked forward to working with the Department in the future.

Sophie Papageorge, stated that the items budgeted for the Zoo are bare minimum items needed for the Zoo. She hoped there was an increase in next year's budget as the Zoo has been neglected in the past.

Margaret Burks, representing the San Francisco Zoological Society, explained that much of the Society's funds are used for capital improvements and to provide educational services at the Zoo. She noted that it is very difficult to continue at the present level.

3. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 1990-91 (Continued)

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Guggenhime, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15605

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the the baseline budget for fiscal year 1990-91 and the necessary level of augmentation.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Commission authorizes staff to implement technical modifications as necessary.

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Ms. Burns noted that the Board of Supervisors approved the submission of a $332 Million bond issue to be voted on in June, 1990. The bond is directly related to earthquake repair and preventative measures that need to be done for a variety of City buildings. The bond contains $26 Million for improvement at the Zoo and over $4 Million for restoration of the bandshell in Golden Gate Park.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission. Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President or the Commission may limit the total testimony to 30 minutes.

Note: No Public Comment was received.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

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RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

644TH REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1990 - 2:00 P.M.

The Six Hundred and Forty-Fourth Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, February 15, 1990, at 2:00 p.m. by President Connie O'Connor.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:
Commissioner Connie O'Connor, President
Commissioner Keith Eickman, Vice President
Commissioner Richard J. Guggenhime
Commissioner Tommy Harris
Commissioner Frances McAteer
Commissioner Trent Orr
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner McAteer, seconded by Commissioner Guggenhime, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 18, 1990 were approved as presented.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Mary E. Burns, submitted the following report:

"ZOO INCIDENT ON FEBRUARY 13, 1990

On Tuesday morning, February 13, at the San Francisco Zoo, there was an injury to our Assistant Head Animal Keeper, Tony Bila. Tony suffered back and shoulder injuries when he was pushed into the moat by Tinkerbelle the elephant. Tony will be recuperating for two months or more. In light of this incident, protocol and elephant handling is again being reviewed and we will continue with the redesign of the Elephant House to provide additional barriers for keepers' safety. I will keep you informed as I receive additional information on Tony's condition and prognosis.

ASSISTANT ZOO DIRECTOR POSITION

On Wednesday, February 14, the Board of Supervisors' Finance Committee approved release of the reserve they had placed on the Assistant Zoo Director's position. It is anticipated that David Robinett, who will fill that position until an examination can be given, will start work at the Zoo on March 19. A copy of his resume is at your places.

COMMISSION ON CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

On Tuesday, February 20, the Board of Supervisors will be hearing an item for a Charter Amendment establishing a Commission and Department of Children, Youth and Families. This matter has been introduced by Supervisors Ward, Gonzalez and Kennedy. It was developed by citizen initiative, but did not qualify for the ballot because an insufficient number of signatures was collected.

The Charter Amendment would create a Commission and Department whose mission it would be to assure that sufficient funds are allocated from a variety of city departments to deliver adequate children's services. They would be charged with creating and adopting a Master Plan on children's services and then directing other city departments through budget and staff reallocation to implement that Master Plan. The new Commission's director would then direct the work of staff of the other departments, even though the other department head would remain their own appointing officer.

The proposed amendment also calls for the creation of a number of district offices, to be staffed by other departments, including this one.

While I do not quarrel with the intent to see that adequate services are being provided for children, youth and their families, I believe the proposed Charter Amendment would be costly and could have a devastating effect on many departments, including this one. I testified against the amendment when it was at Rules Committee. It will be debated at the full Board of Supervisors on February 20. The Mayor is urging all city departments and commissions to lobby strongly against this measure to give his new Office of Children, Youth and Families a chance to address the problem of coordination of departments and implement expanded services. Your calls to members of the Board before Tuesday would be appreciated. A copy of a City Attorney's analysis of the issue is at your place.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT** (Continued)

WORKERS' COMPENSATION EXPENDITURES

The Retirement Board has completed a mid-year report on Workers' Compensation expenditures from July 1, 1989 to December 31, 1989. Our Department's Workers' Compensation costs, including payments on old claims, totalled $353,411.00 or 39.416% of the total Worker's Compensation budget for the first six months. Other major departments' half-year expenditure percentages are shown below.

Sheriff	30.990%
Police	52.617%
Fire	51.333%
DPW, Traffic Engineering	164.642%
DPW, Building Inspection	91.522%
General Hospital	99.590%
Airport	43.252%
PUC/Muni Railway	58.562%
PUC/Water Department	72.785%

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATIONS

The Recreation and Park Divisions will jointly celebrate Arbor Day in San Francisco. Kickoff for the seven week series of events will take place on California Arbor Day, Wednesday, March 7th in Golden Gate Park. Thirty children from Argonne School will participate in a tree planting organized by the Urban Forestry Division. In the following weeks, staff from that division will visit Latchkey Program sites and with the recreation director, present a workshop designed to educate and inform our youth of the necessity and desirability of trees in our environment. Fun-filled activities will be incorporated into the learning session. Selected sites include Presidio, Excelsior, Ocean View and Garfield. A tree planting will be held at each site with youth applying their new-found skills.

Culminating the series will be a tree planting in Golden Gate Park on National Arbor Day, April 27th.

STRYBING ARBORETUM SOCIETY LECTURE

A special Strybing Arboretum Society lecture, "Rebuilding New York's Central Park: Inspirations for Golden Gate Park" will be presented by Elizabeth Barlow Rogers, Central Park Administrator and President of The Central Park Conservancy, on Thursday, March 8, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., at the County Fair Building. Cost for this lecture is $8.00 for Strybing members, and $10 for non-members.

In conjunction with this lecture Mrs. Rogers has agreed to participate in a symposium on March 9th. Representatives from this department as well as community and environmental organizations are being invited to participate to begin building a constituency for parks and open space in San Francisco. This event is being co-sponsored by the Strybing Arboretum Society and the San Francisco Economic Development Corporation.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT** (Continued)

VISIT TO U.C. DAVIS

On Thursday, February 8, David Anderson, Phil Arnold, Peggy Burks and I had the opportunity to visit the School of Veterinary Medicine at U.C. Davis. We met with Dean Edward Rhode of the School and were given a tour of the facility by Dr. Murray Fowler. I was very impressed by the facility and services provided at U.C. Davis. As a result of this trip, I will be formalizing an agreement between U.C. Davis School of Veterinary Medicine and the San Francisco Zoo to provide mutually beneficial services.

UPDATE ON HOMELESS CAMPING IN GOLDEN GATE PARK

There has been a considerable reduction in incidences of illegal camping, particularly in the west end of Golden Gate Park. Most of the campers have either left of their own accord or have moved on to locations other than the Park. Since the middle of January there have been three inspection tours made with the police in the northeast section of the park and two in the southeast. A meeting was held on Tuesday with the new Captain of Richmond Station to begin to address the western end of the park.

A representative of the U.S. Census Department has approached us in an effort to assess the homeless in this sector of the City. Our staff has been instructed to cooperate with this request.

6TH AND FOLSOM PARK AND RECREATION CENTER

The new park and recreation center at 6th and Folsom Streets is nearing completion. One complication has developed regarding handicapped accessibility. The facility was designed to meet all accessibility codes in effect at the time of design, and were reviewed and approved by the Department of Public Work's (DPW) Bureau of Building Inspection. Staff from a newly-created Office of Disability Access within DPW has toured the site and found certain areas felt to be deficient. Representatives from DPW, the architectural consultants and this department are now meeting to discuss interpretation of the codes, as well as the best ways to make any required changes. It is hoped that these corrections will be made by the end of the month and that this wonderful new facility can then open to serve all the residents of the area.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

In recognition of Black History Month the children from the Theatre Games Class at Milton Meyer Recreation Center will be presenting a play on Wednesday, February 28, at 7:00 p.m., in the auditorium. This activity is just one of many being given during the month that enables all of us to recognize the historical contribution of Blacks in the United States and worldwide.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

b. **SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS UNDER $500.00** — RES. NO. 15607

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following unlitigated settlement of claims under $500.00:

Susan Bartels.....$ 67.00
Sanders Leblance.....$237.54

c. **SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS OVER $500.00** — RES. NO. 15608

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the proposed settlements of the litigated claim of Thomas Conroy in the amount of $10,000.00.

d. **RECREATION DIVISION AEROBICS CLASS FEE INCREASE** — RES. NO. 15609

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the fee increase for "Body Pulse Aerobics Classes".

e. **UNION SQUARE GARAGE SYSTEM PARKING OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA RENT CREDIT** — RES. NO. 15610

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a rent credit in the amount of $5,075.00, to System Parking of Northern California at the Union Square Garage.

f. **BUENA VISTA PLAYGROUND MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT** — RES. NO. 15611

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an increase to the contract contingency in the amount of $20,000 to Cuevas-Mannion Construction for irrigation improvements at Buena Vista Playground.

g. **CROCKER AMAZON MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT** — RES. NO. 15612

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a modification of contract to increase the contingency in the amount by $30,772, to Esquivel Paving, Inc., for court resurfacing and additional fencing at Crocker Amazon Playground.

h. **GOLDEN GATE PARK - ROAD CLOSURES LE TOUR DE SAN FRANCISCO** — RES. NO. 15613

RESOLVED, That this Commission grants approval to close various roads in Golden Gate Park for the Le Tour de San Francisco Bicycle Event on Sunday, July 15, 1990 from 7:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT** (Continued)

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, February 19, 1990	Presidents Day Holiday
Thursday, March 1, 1990	Parks and Planning Committee, 9:00 a.m., McLaren Lodge
Thursday, March 1, 1990	Finance and Administration Committee, 4:00 p.m., McLaren Lodge
Tuesday, March 13, 1990	Joint Zoo Committee, 4:00 p.m., San Francisco Zoo"

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

Vice President Eickman asked for clarification on Items 4f and 4g (Buena Vista and Crocker Amazon).

Deborah Learner, Park Planner, explained that these items request an increase in the contract contingency to provide for extra work which were not contained in the original contract: additional funding to resurface a portion of the Crocker Amazon basketball court and additional irrigation work to be done at Buena Vista Park, which was outside the scope of the original contracts.

Commissioner McAteer asked for clarification on Item 4e (Union Square Garage).

Ernie Prindle, Assistant General Manager for Finance and Property, explained that the previous tenant removed some items from the Union Square Garage which were considered Department equipment. The Department filed a claim for the equipment which was recently settled. The rent credit is payment for the items replaced by the present tenant at Union Square Garage.

On motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Orr, ratification of the following resolutions, which are processed under Resolution No. 13572:

a. **Personnel Matters** **RES. NO. 15606**

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period January 8, 1990 through February 1, 1990.

5. **JULIUS KAHN PLAYGROUND**
EXPANSION OF CLUBHOUSE (Continued)

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Guggenhime, seconded by Commissioner Harris, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15616

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the site plan to expand the Julius Kahn playground clubhouse and pursuing project approval with the Golden Gate National Recreation Area/Presidio.

6. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

Phil Arnold, Interim Zoo Director, explained the animal transactions noting that the siamang was sold for $1.00 because there is not a great market, among zoos, for the purchase of this particular animal.

On motion of Commissioner McAteer, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15617

RESOLVED, That this ratifies the following animal transactions (which were processed under Resolution No. 13572) for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens:

Sold to: Nichol's Exotic Animal Farm
2680 Highway 16
Whiteburg, GA 30185
USDA 57-B-21

One (1) male Diana monkey valued at $375. Payment shall be made to the Animal Purchase Account.

Sold to: San Diego Zoo
P.O. Box 551
San Diego, CA 92112
USDA 93-C-4

Two (2) male Bennett's wallaby, valued at $500 each, for a total purchase price of $1,000. Payment shall be made to the Animal Purchase Account.

Sold to: Wildlife World Zoo
16501 W. Northern Ave.
Litchfield, AZ 85340
USDA 86-C-22

One (1) male siamang, valued at $1.00. Payment shall be made to the Animal Purchase Account.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

i. **GOLDEN GATE PARK - ROAD CLOSURES** RES. NO. 15614
WOMEN'S SPORTS FESTIVAL - TWO-DAY EVENT

RESOLVED, That this Commission grants approval to close various roads and to hold various events in Golden Gate Park from May 12 to May 13, 1990 in conjunction with the Women's Sports Festival.

j. **GOLDEN GATE PARK - ROAD CLOSURES** RES. NO. 15615
SAN FRANCISCO CITY MARATHON

RESOLVED, That this Commission grants approval to close various roads in Golden Gate Park for the San Francisco Bay Area Sports Organizing Committee to conduct the San Francisco City Marathon on Sunday, July 1, 1990.

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. **JULIUS KAHN PLAYGROUND**
EXPANSION OF CLUBHOUSE

Approval of site plan to expand clubhouse and pursuing project approval with the Golden Gate National Recreation Area/Presidio.

Deborah Learner, Park Planner, explained that this item is approval of the conceptual plan to expand the clubhouse at Julius Kahn playground. The clubhouse is operated by the Department on Presidio property through a license issued by the Army. The present clubhouse is very small. Richard and Rhoda Goldman, nearby residents, have offered a gift-in-place to expand the clubhouse from the current 400 sq. ft. to approximately 800 sq. ft. to honor their recently deceased son. A community meeting was held and the project received enthusiastic support. The conceptual expansion plan will include a larger multi-purpose room, director's office, storage areas, restrooms, food service and custodial areas. This project also requires approval from the Presidio, an environmental assessment, and review by the Golden Gate National Recreational Area.

Commissioner Guggenhime asked what the time frame was for expansion and the approval process.

Ms. Learner projected that the approval process will take between four to six months.

James Ream, the architect, explained that Richard and Rhoda Goldman played at Julius Kahn in their youth, as did their children, and the playground has a special meaning to the family. He read a letter which was written as a result of the community meeting which urged that the project to go forward as soon as possible.

8. **REVIEW OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' RESOLUTION TENTING PARKS FOR HOMELESS** (Continued)

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner McAteer, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15619

RESOLVED, That this Commission opposes the Resolution introduced by Supervisor Kennedy urging the Mayor to urge the Recreation and Park Commission to adopt a policy which would allow the homeless to set up tents for a limited time period between sunset and sunrise on selected Recreation and Park facilities.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Eickman, Guggenhime, McAteer, O'Connor, Orr, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioner Harris

9. **MOUNT DAVIDSON CROSS LIGHTING POLICY**

Review of the policy to light the Mount Davidson Cross.

Mary E. Burns, General Manager, explained the two items before the Commission for review: (1) the general question of whether or not to light the cross and whether or not the cross should remain under the jurisdiction of Recreation and Park, and (2) rendering a decision on a specific request to light the cross in conjunction with an Easter sunrise service.

Ms. Burns gave a brief background on the Mount Davidson cross, explaining that it is located on City property, was built with both private and public contributions in 1933, is 103' tall, and made of concrete and steel. It was first lighted in 1934 in a cross-country telegraph connection by President Franklin Roosevelt. Historical records indicate that as many as 3 wooden crosses were in place on Mount Davidson for some time before 1933 as beacons for sailors coming into the Bay. Before the energy crisis in the 1970s the cross was lit 365 nights a year. At that time nightly lighting was discontinued and subsequent to that it has been lit for various lengths of time at holidays, particularly at Easter and Christmas, usually in conjunction with a permit.

In the past few years there have been a growing number of court cases on the issue of religious symbols on public property, both temporary displays as well as permanent installations. Requests to light the Mount Davidson cross over the last few years have been challenged by a number of organizations including Americans United for Separation of Church and State, the American Civil Liberties Union, the American Atheists, the United Jewish Congress, and others. Last Easter when this issue was raised, the Commission approved lighting the cross for two hours before the annual sunrise service to guide people up the pathway to the cross as a safety consideration.

7. **CLEAN WATER PROGRAM**
SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS

Approval of request to Clean Water Program to relocate Zoo Director housing during construction of the Oceanside Treatment Plant.

Mary E. Burns, General Manager, explained that many years ago the Clean Water Program began planning for the sewage treatment plant on Zoo property. There was a great deal of discussion on the impact of the plant on the Zoo and the Zoo Director's house, which is located on Zoo property. The Clean Water Program has begun the project and it is very near the boundary of the Zoo Director's home. One of the Conditions of Approval which allows the Clean Water Program to occupy the Zoo site provides that this Commission can request that the Zoo Director and his family can be relocated for the duration of the project. Ms. Burns requested that this particular clause be implemented. She noted that the Clean Water Program has agreed to this provision.

On motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner McAteer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15618

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves requesting the Clean Water Program to arrange alternate housing for the Zoo Director during construction of the Oceanside Treatment Plant.

2:45 p.m. Commissioner Harris left the meeting.

8. **REVIEW OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' RESOLUTION**
TENTING PARKS FOR HOMELESS

Consideration of Resolution introduced by Supervisor Kennedy urging the Mayor to urge the Recreation and Park Commission to adopt a policy which would allow the homeless to set up tents for a limited time period between sunset and sunrise on selected Recreation and Park facilities.

Mary E. Burns, General Manager, explained that this item is a Resolution introduced by Supervisor Kennedy for hearing before the Board of Supervisors. It has not been calendared for consideration although the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors has asked for comments to the proposed Resolution. This Resolution would urge the Mayor to ask the Recreation and Park Commission to designate certain parks where the homeless would be allowed to tent. Ms. Burns felt this would have extremely adverse impact on park property. She noted that a number of people as well as employees appeared at the Committee level in opposition to this proposal.

Edith Fried, representing the Sierra Club, adamantly opposed this proposal. She stated that parks are cold and damp and not a suitable place for the homeless. She felt that a solution to the homeless problem should be thoughtfully considered and that once tenting is permitted, it would destroy the park. Ms. Fried is a volunteer collector for Golden Gate Park and has witnessed the waste and garbage from overnight campers using the park.

13. MOUNT DAVIDSON CROSS
LIGHTING POLICY (Continued)

Margaret Crosby, representing American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), stated that the ACLU opposes elimination of the cross but urged the Commission to take steps to sever the City from ownership of the cross. She said that the presence of the cross on public land is unconstitutional under the State and Federal Constitutions because it is a central image of Christianity and its presence on public land broadcasts a message of endorsement of Christian faith. She noted that the union of church and state has caused aggression in many countries and it was the genius of the American Constitutional system to recognize that a strict separation of church and state strengthens both religion and democracy. She noted that San Francisco is pluralistic with people of all faiths and the only way we can live together in peace and harmony is if the government stays out of the business of religion. She stated that the only justification for the cross she has heard is that it has been there so long it has lost its religious symbolism. She explained it was appropriate for the Commission to resolve this issue.

David Innes, representing Hamilton Square Baptist Church, stated that the legal, constitutional, religious, and social ramifications of this matter were enormous. He stated that the roots of our country show that the battles over separation of church and state were fought by baptists. He stood in the tradition of people that oppose. He suggested that the most judicious thing to do was to sell the property around the cross to someone who is sympathetic to its demeanor and message and views.

Al Walker, representing Americans United for Separation of Church and State, explained that his organization, founded in 1974, is a national non-profit group, dedicated to perfecting religious liberty. He stated that his organization fights for individuals when government policies interfere with the freedom of conscience. His organization is composed primarily of church members. He stated that the problem with the Mount Davidson cross is that it is a religious symbol on government property. When the government maintains a symbol of a particular religion on property owned by all the taxpayers then it is telling the community that is the symbol of the officially endorsed religion. Illuminating this symbol in connection with a religious holiday emphasizes government endorsement. His organization supported the right of individuals and churches to erect and maintain religious symbols on their own property. His organization felt that the best way to preserve the legacy of religious freedom is by maintaining a separation of church and state and it would pursue this issue through education, appealing to public officials and, when necessary, through the court system. He urged the Commission to deny the request to light the cross and to address the larger issue of this religious symbol on public land.

9. MOUNT DAVIDSON CROSS
LIGHTING POLICY (Continued)

Public Testimony

Philip Mass, representing Humanist Community of San Francisco, hoped the Commission would have the courage to face the issue of the United States Constitution, that is, the intrusion of a particular religious orientation on the public and the fact that he believes there is an illegal symbol on public land. He spoke of the historical facts which necessitated this rule as part of the Bill of Rights. He explained that the furtherance of a particular orientation is illegal on public property. He also stated that he testified in opposition before the Board of Directors of the Golden Gate Bridge District on a similar issue, and the Board voted against the placement of a menorah at the bridge entrance. He hoped the Commission had regard for the Constitution and would see the broader perspective.

Reverend W. Holt, representing the Lutheran Church, explained his viewpoint that intent of the Constitution was not to grant preferential treatment to any denomination. He did not think the cross gave preferential treatment to any one denomination. He explained that in many cases the City has symbols of other religions and cited the buddha in Golden Gate Park or the statue of Ghandi at the Ferry Building as examples. He stated that San Francisco has a great historical religious tradition which should not be destroyed. He felt that lighting the cross was nice and added little light to the City.

Reverend Victor Carpenter, representing the First Unitarian Church, was profoundly offended by the presence of the cross upon public property. He stated that although he is a Christian and find the cross symbol a meaningful part of his religious understanding, he was sensitive to the fact that it is offensive to others, including Jewish, Asians and gay community. He urged the Commission in the name of the Constitution of the United States, and in the name of separation of church and state, to not light the Mount Davidson Cross and to have it taken down.

Reverend Dr. P. Thomas Mammen, representing the San Francisco Association of Evangelicals, and New Life Community Church, explained that in observing the American flag he found a religious symbol, that of the star, on the flag. He felt that the Commission ruling last year was discriminatory against his faith and that the time had come for the City to stop discriminating against one Christian symbol. He urged that the Mount Davidson cross be lit and that he would raise the funds to pay the cost

Fred M. Blum, representing the American Jewish Congress (AJC), explained that his organization was founded over 70 years ago on the principle that only in a free democratic and pluralistic society can all Americans thrive. AJC believes in separation of church and state which is mandated by both the Federal and State Constitutions, and prohibiting government support or disapproval of religion, does not punish religion but allows it to flourish. He further explained that the AJC testified last year against the placement of a menorah at Union Square and the succah at Justin Herman Plaza. He stated that the AJC has urged the Commission for over 1-1/2 years to not take down the cross but to divest itself of ownership of the cross. He explained that the Commission will force the removal of the cross unless it divests itself of ownership and that it was the only body that has the power to save it. He urged the Commission one last time to take meaningful steps to begin the process of divestiture of ownership of the cross.

9. MOUNT DAVIDSON CROSS
LIGHTING POLICY (Continued)

Thomas Steel, representing Americans United for Separation of Church and State, discussed the reasons why he had corresponded with the Commission urging it to divest the land where the cross is located or be faced with a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of its presence. He stated that cases throughout the years have given meaning to the separation of church and state. He explained that the City Attorney's office had given the Commission a document which discusses the presence of religious symbols on government property. The most recent U. S. Supreme Court decision stated, in part, that "...a cross standing alone on government property is a preeminent symbol of Christianity and gives the appearance of government endorsing one particular faith over another." He further stated that the Recreation and Park Commission was sworn to uphold the Constitution. He urged the Commission to avoid litigation, by divesting ownership of the Mount Davidson cross and allowing it to continue to exist on private land.

Martin Kassman, representing Americans United for Separation of Church and State, explained that his organization's position had been more than adequately presented by Messrs. Walker and Steel so he would just say "amen."

Glen Gullmes, coordinator for the Easter sunrise service explained that he wanted the Mount Davidson cross lights turned on once and for all. He viewed the cross as a historic landmark and that many people feel that it represents the lifework of the most important person who ever walked the earth. He felt that the cross is a symbol of hope and freedom. He commented that he felt that Sutro Tower was a monstrosity which endorsed television and radio over other forms of communication, yet did that give him the right to have it removed. Mr. Gullmes felt that once the foundation of the country's religious freedom was touched it would begin to erode many other cherished liberties.

Dorcas Maureen Bender, an attorney, stated that she missed not having the Mount Davidson cross lit the past few years. She felt it would be tragic not to have the cross and suggested that that it should be kept or purchased by Christians who would keep it lit. She stated that the cross is a symbol of the Lord's love shining through, a symbol of reconciliation, joy, hope and peace. She noted that the City has other religious symbols and that the cross meant a great deal to many people. She urged that the cross be lit all the time.

M. Rosen, a resident near Mount Davidson, said that when the film **Dirty Harry** was being filmed certain San Francisco sites were selected that typified the City. Mount Davidson and the lit cross played a major role in that film. He noted that it has been here since 1934 and asked if the next step was to change the name of the City since it represents a certain religion. He explained that if he were to vote now on whether to have a cross on Mount Davidson he would vote against it. But he felt certain groups have discovered an issue. He stated that this matter needed to be settled by the courts.

9. MOUNT DAVIDSON CROSS
LIGHTING POLICY (Continued)

Ann Kridzere, an attorney, explained that if the Commission did not allow the Mount Davidson cross to be lit it would be discriminatory against the religion, Christianity. She explained that San Francisco is very tolerant, allowing its citizens to express their religions and political beliefs, and groups to hold parades on public property. Mount Davidson is public property and is no different. She stated that by allowing some to express their first amendment rights while denying others is discriminatory. She stated that when President Roosevelt lit the Mount Davidson cross he was not thinking of converting people. She felt a judge should rule on this matter and that it could get to the point that the Department would not be allowed to light the McLaren Lodge Christmas tree during the holidays.

Michael Imfeld, representing the Western Center for Law and Religious Freedom, stated that in a public park under the historical circumstances surrounding the Mount Davidson cross, illuminating it is constitutional. Emergence of the idea that lighting a cross in a couple of parks is prohibited by the First Amendment is of recent origin. He stated that 4 main points distinguish this case from the recent cases where lighting of a religious symbol was prohibited: (1) the cross was erected by private persons in 1923 prior to deeding of the property to the City in 1926, (2) private parties have offered to pay the cost of lighting the cross, (3) long time historical significance of the cross being thought of as a neutral symbol as evidenced by nationwide attention when President Roosevelt pulled the switch, and (4) it has been a public park which the public would forfeit if the Easter celebration was cancelled. He felt the Commission should not be intimidated by the threat of a lawsuit.

Dr. Charles A. McIlhenny, stated that the image of the Mount Davidson cross is a Roman symbol which the Christians adopted. He appealed to the Commission in the word of God that people have been trying to obliterate that cross. He urged the Commission to take a stand for Christians who want to express their faith. The real issue has to do with freedom, worship, God and the freedom to express those views.

James Robinson, thought it would be a mistake to remove all of the religious symbols from the City. He felt that the cross is not a religious symbol, but a symbol of man's sin, of man's inhumanity to man. He urged that the Commission stand up for what is right and to light the cross every day, because it is a symbol to many people of San Francisco.

James G, Emerson, a pastor at Calvary Presbyterian Church, a native of San Francisco and a resident of the City, stated that not one particular church owns the cross and that if it were put to sale who would purchase it, how would the City identify which group of people had the right to control that piece of property? He noted that the government does provide for free assembly and expression of one's religious faith and point of view. He hoped the Commission would keep the cross and light it or give them a process whereby this can be done and done constitutionally.

Leslie Schemel, a native San Franciscan, felt that consideration to light the cross should be done as a free speech message, in the same manner that other religious organizations are allowed to sell or distribute their materials on park property. She felt it would be discriminatory to not allow for assembly and lighting of the Mount Davidson cross.

11. **MARINA YACHT HARBOR**
APPEAL OF CANCELLATION OF BERTH

Appeal by James Cois of the cancellation of Berth #655 at the Marina Yacht Harbor.

Gary Davis, Acting Marina Manager, explained that Mr. Cois has withdrawn his appeal. Therefore the Commission did not consider Item #11.

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Mara Rosales, Deputy City Attorney, stated that her comments pertained to Items 12, 13, and 15. Ms. Rosales explained that last month the Commission referred cancellation of these berth matters to her office for further discussion with the tenant and Mr. Davis. Ms. Rosales held meetings with Mr. Kellenberger, Mr. Lampert's attorney (via telephone), and Mr. Barsochinni. She researched the law on this matter and concluded that the landlord/tenant law allows in cases of cancellation that the Department may serve a 3-day notice to pay or quit when there is a default in the rent. This is one remedy that is available to the Department but it is not the exclusive remedy. The Harbor and Navigation Code also allows the Department to pursue a lien sale of the vessel. It was her opinion that because the Harbor and Navigation Code is silent as to what happens to the rental agreement, the agreement between the parties would govern in this case. The rental agreement, which the Commission has approved, states that if one violates the rules and regulations that call for payment of the rent on a timely basis then one is subject to cancellation of the berth if rent is not paid within a specific period of time. The grace period that is afforded to individuals is very generous, allowing a berth holder to be late for two months and still not be subject to cancellation. She was prepared to advise the Commission that there is a basis for affirming the cancellations of Mr. Kellenberger and Mr. Lampert; a settlement had been reached with Mr. Barsochinni.

12. **MARINA YACHT HARBOR**
APPEAL OF CANCELLATION OF BERTH

Appeal by Steven Kellenberger of the cancellation of Berth #653 at the Marina Yacht Harbor.

Gary Davis, Interim Marina Manager, explained that Mr. Kellenberger's agreement began in 1/78 and was cancelled on 9/16/89 for non-payment of berth fees. Visitor fees began to accrue on 10/1/89. The Harbor Office received full payment for 7/89-9/89 on 9/27/89, 12 days after the deadline. A $277.50 payment was received and was assigned to visitor fees through 11/7/89. The Harbor Office records indicate delinquency notices for 1/81-3/81, 4/86-6/86, 1/89-3/89, 4/89-6/89, and 7/89-9/89. Because of these delinquencies and the fact that Mr. Kellenberger failed to pay by the deadline, Mr. Davis recommended cancellation.

President O'Connor clarified the point that Mr. Kellenberger was delinquent 12 days beyond the 65-day grace period.

Vice President Eickman asked if Mr. Kellenberger ultimately made payment.

Mr. Davis explained that all of the delinquencies prior to the July-Sept. delinquency were paid within the last ten days before he was cancelled.

9. **MOUNT DAVIDSON CROSS**
LIGHTING POLICY (Continued)

The Commission convened in Executive Session 4:40 to 5:20 p.m.

Vice President Eickman made a motion that it would be the policy of the Recreation and Park Commission to retain the Mount Davidson cross on Mount Davidson park.

On motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15620

RESOLVED, That this Commission votes to retain the Mount Davidson cross and the land on which it sits.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Eickman, Guggenhime, McAteer, Ruiz
Noes: Commissioners O'Connor, Orr
Absent: Commissioner Harris

Commissioner Orr made a motion that the cross shall not be lighted.

On motion of Commissioner Orr, seconded by Commissioner Guggenhime, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15621

RESOLVED, That this Commission hereby makes it their policy that the Mount Davidson cross shall not be lighted.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Guggenhime, O'Connor, Orr, Ruiz
Noes: Commissioners Eickman, McAteer
Absent: Commissioner Harris

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President O'Connor explained that since the Commission had just made a policy decision not to light the Mount Davidson cross, Item #10 would not be considered by the Commission.

10. **MOUNT DAVIDSON CROSS**
LIGHTING OF THE CROSS

Consideration of the request to light the Mount Davidson Cross in conjunction with Easter services from 4/9/90 to 4/15/90.

This item was removed from the Calendar.

The Commission recessed 2:55 p.m. to 3:00 p.m

13. MARINA YACHT HARBOR
APPEAL OF CANCELLATION OF BERTH (Continued)

Gary Davis, Interim Marina Manager, explained that Mr. Lampert's agreement began on 8/1/88 and was cancelled on 9/16/89 for non-payment of berth fees. Visitor fees began to accrue on 10/1/89 at $17.40 per day. The Harbor Office received full payment for 7/89-9/89 on 9/22/89, 7 days after the 60 day deadline. However, the berth holder did not pay a late fee of $92.07 owing from a prior delinquent bill. On 10/20/89 the accounting office returned a $837.00 check to Mr. Lampert which was received with an altered invoice. This invoice had not been mailed by the accounting office but was created by someone other than the accounting office. Although Mr. Lampert has been billed $1692.87 for visitor fees through 12/31/89,, payment has not been received. Mr. Lampert was over 50 days delinquent for the 4/89-6/89 period and Mr. Davis recommended that the cancellation remain in effect.

Fred Rose, the attorney representing Mr. Lampert, explained that he was not present to deny that Mr. Lampert was late in his payment but was present to question the entire procedure. At the Committee meeting, one of the Commissioners mentioned that this matter was similar to missing one's mortgage payment, giving the mortgage holder the right to foreclose. He asked what if a mortgage holder's clerk decided to foreclose and started foreclosure proceedings, ignoring the statutory provisions for protecting the lien or foreclosure. And if that same clerk then walks out and posts a sign on the homeowners' house saying that the house had been seized and then padlocked the house and denied the homeowner entrance to the home, would not those steps slightly color the issue. He stated that in Mr. Lampert's case, Mr. Davis elected to proceed based upon a default; he did not follow any of the statutory provisions regarding creation of the lien, he posted a sign on Mr. Lampert's boat saying that the boat was seized; he chained the boat to the dock and denied Mr. Lampert access to the boat until the full amount due was paid. Mr. Rose stated that Mr. Lampert had been victimized and that Mr. Davis never contacted the City Attorney prior to starting his proceedings. If Mr. Davis had consulted with the City Attorney's Office he would have understood that lien procedures are covered by the Harbor and Navigation Code Section 502. Mr. Rose also addressed the posting of the sign on Mr. Lampert's boat which he felt constituted trespass and chaining the boat which constitutes a conversion, deprivation of use and could subject the City to damages in the amount of the value of the boat. He appealed to the Commission to consider the inequities on this matter from the standpoint that Mr. Lampert's rights were abused.

President O'Connor recounted the facts: Mr. Lampert's lease began 8/88 and he became delinquent, in 4/89, 8 months after the lease began.

On recommendation of the Golf and Yacht Harbor Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Orr, seconded by Commissioner Guggenhime, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15623

RESOLVED, That this Commission denies the appeal by Paul Lampert of the cancellation of Berth #131 at the Marina Yacht Harbor.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Eickman, Guggenhime, McAteer, O'Connor, Orr, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioner Harris

12. **MARINA YACHT HARBOR**
APPEAL OF CANCELLATION OF BERTH (Continued)

Steven Kellenberger, stated that he had been a good tenant for the first 10 years was only late twice in making payment. He defined the difference between being delinquent and tardy. His prior late payments were very close to the 15 day grace period; it was only this last delinquency period where he exceeded the 50 day grace period. He stated that he never received the delinquency notice, nor signed for the certified letter. His two 1989 late payments in 1989 were for a not sufficient fund check which he rectified. He also made a payment to accounting office on 7/21/89 in the amount of $620.00 for two quarters (Jan/Mar and Apr-June). He explained that he started his own business two years and it has been difficult to make ends meet. He intended to remain current and made a special trip to San Francisco because he had not received the certified letter. He noted that he tried to pay in advance as a sign of good faith. He appealed to the Commission since he had not received the certified letter.

Commissioner Guggenhime noted that he voted against Mr. Davis' recommendation at the Committee level because he felt there were extenuating circumstances. He felt that Mr. Kellenberger was late only twice and felt that in this case the Harbor Master's decision should be overruled.

President O'Connor explained agreement allows a berth holder to be 65 days delinquent before action is taken which she felt was a very liberal policy. She further stated that one who has been a tenant for more than 10 years should know when the rent is due.

Commissioner Orr felt that earlier notices were received; yet some 65 days elapsed and rent was still not paid. He supported Mr. Davis' decision.

On motion of Commissioner Orr, seconded by Commissioner Eickman, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15622

RESOLVED, That this Commission denies the appeal by Steven Kellenberger of the cancellation of Berth #653 at the Marina Yacht Harbor.

Denied by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Eickman, Guggenhime, Orr
Noes: Commissioners Guggenhime, McAteer, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioner Harris

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There was discussion about the Commission action since there was a three to three vote. Ms. Rosales stated the Interim Marina Manager's decision was to cancel and that the Commission did not overturn that decision; therefore, the Interim Marina Manager's decision stands. Under the Charter one needs a majority of the Commission to carry a vote.

13. **MARINA YACHT HARBOR**
APPEAL OF CANCELLATION OF BERTH

Appeal by Paul Lampert of the cancellation of Berth #131 at the Marina Yacht Harbor.

15. **MARINA YACHT HARBOR**
ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL BERTH (Continued)

Vice President Eickman asked why we had agreed to a settlement agreement given there was a history of numerous delinquencies.

Ms. Rosales explained that this issue was not the failure to pay rent but the transfer issue and the fact that the previous marina manager had authorized the transfer.

On motion of Commissioner Orr, seconded by Commissioner Guggenhime, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15624A

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the proposed settlement agreement with Vincent Barsochinni as it pertains to the acquisition of additional berth (#440) at the Marina Yacht Harbor.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Eickman, Guggenhime, McAteer, O'Connor, Orr, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioner Harris

16. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

Approval of California Academy of Sciences revised plan for portico improvements.

Mary E. Burns, General Manager, explained that a few years ago the Commission approved an expansion plan for the California Academy of Sciences building. She noted that there is a prohibition of expansion of buildings in Golden Gate Park unless there is a 2/3 vote of approval from the Board of Supervisors. The original expansion plan included glassing in the columns in front of the Academy but it has been found that this would be structurally unsound and not acceptable for seismic reasons. Therefore the new model has concrete on either end of the colonade with canopies in an attempt to break up the mass. The finish will be in granite, with pink and orange tones running through the stone. She preferred to have glass but noted that she could not disagree with the seismic engineers. Ms. Burns recommended approval of the redesign conditioned upon staff continuing to meet with the Academy to develop ways to soften the front of the building by placement of planters, seating arrangements, etc.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion f Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Orr, the following resolution was adopted;

RES. NO. 15625

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the California Academy of Sciences revised plan for portico improvements.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Eickman, Guggenhime, McAteer, O'Connor, Orr, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioner Harris

14. **MARINA YACHT HARBOR**
APPEAL OF CANCELLATION OF BERTH

Appeal by Milton Morris of the cancellation of Berth #304 at the Marina Yacht Harbor.

Gary Davis, Interim Marina Manager, explained that Mr. Morris' lease began on 11/27/81 and was cancelled on 09/16/89 for non payment of berth fees. Mr. Morris' boat sank during the storm of 12/15/88 and was subsequently towed to a boat yard for repair. The boat at the time of the sinking was in extremely neglected condition and has not been brought back to the Marina to date. Mr. Morris was informed that the Marina would provide him with a berth if he would bring in a sea worthy boat and that he would be given a temporary berth until the docks are repaired from the storm. Mr. Morris has filed two claims against the Department for $100,000 worth of damages and another claim for being continually billed for a non-existent berth. Mr. Davis recommended that the cancellation be upheld because Mr. Morris does not have a boat and has not had a boat since 12/15/89.

Milton Morris, stated that Mr. Davis has not given him a berth and has denied him twice. He also noted that the prior Marina Manager also denied him a berth. He stated that he bought another boat 10 days before the occurrence and the prior marina manager would not allow him to bring it in the harbor. He felt there were several other boats in the harbor that are not seaworthy and in a worse condition than his. He stated that it was through no fault of his that the boat sank and that the Department has done nothing to rectify the situation. He wanted his boat and berth returned.

On recommendation of the Golf and Yacht Harbor Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Guggenhime, seconded by Commissioner Orr, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15624

RESOLVED, That this Commission upholds the cancellation of Berth #304 at the Marina Yacht Harbor.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Eickman, Guggenhime, McAteer, O'Connor, Orr, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioner Harris

15. **MARINA YACHT HARBOR**
ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL BERTH

Denial of acquisition of additional berth (#440) by Vincent Barsochinni at the Marina Yacht Harbor.

Gary Davis, Interim Marina Manager, explained that Deputy City Attorney Mara Rosales and himself met with Mr. Barsochinni and resolved this issue. A tentative settlement agreement provides that the permanent berth of Mr. Barsochinni will be be transferred to berth #440, the berth he wishes to acquire. Mr. Barsochinni has agreed to pay his rental fees on or before the 10th day of each quarter beginning 3/90, for a period of one year and has waived his right to appeal.

19. **RANDALL MUSEUM**
RENTAL RATES

Approval of The Randall Museum Rental Rates.

Amy Dawson, Director, Randall Museum explained that this item was considered by the Finance and Administration Committee. The rental rates have been divided into three categories; the Museum had two fee structures in prior years.

William Cherrington, representing San Francisco Amateur Astronomers, stated that the neighbors who expressed concern about evening activities at the Museum must not be aware that there have always been evening events at this facility. He belongs to a non-profit organization and has used the Randall Museum since 1952. His organization always participates in Museum activities, provides services to the public and holds monthly meetings which are free to the public. In view of the service his group offered the Museum he preferred that the rental rates not be increased so that his club's dues could remain the same.

Irving Hochman, representing the San Francisco Amateur Astronomers, stated that as a non-profit organization their dues are minimal and barely cover their present expenses. It would be helpful if they did not have an increase. He noted that in order to justify this, his organization could offer more lectures and expand their services for the Museum.

Vice President Eickman asked if each group has a specific room.

Ms. Dawson explained that some groups have a specific room; other groups just use a room once or twice a month. The auditorium fees have been increased from $250.00 to $360.00 per year. She explained the fees in the past were loosely structured and not uniformly charged.

John Lennie, representing the Mycological Society of San Francisco, wanted to be on the record to say that his group valued the Randall Museum and were fortunate to use the building for meeting space. They would like to continue to use the facility for evening meetings.

Commissioner Ruiz felt awkward making a decision without being able to analyze the present fee structure and to compare the rates currently charged for each group.

Joel Robinson, Superintendent of Recreation, explained that there has not been a fee schedule whereby people and organizations paid a set fee. In the past, fees were arbitrarily decided. This item was a request to establish a fee structure and policy.

Commissioner Orr felt that a lesser rate should be charged for a non-profit group using the auditorium but that a private party should be charged a fee comparable to other rooms in the City.

Mr. Robinson explained that after the auditorium is renovated staff will consider a fee increase.

17. **GOLDEN GATE PARK - SHARON MEADOW**
A 'LA CARTE, A 'LA PARK - MULTIPLE-DAY EVENT

Sharon Moyer, Assistant Recreation Supervisor explained that this item is approval of a multiple event to be held to be held at Sharon Meadow. A'la Carte, a'La Park has been a three day event for the past two years. She recommended approval.

On recommendation of Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner McAteer, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15626

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request to reserve Sharon Meadow in Golden Gate Park for September 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 1990 (Labor Day Weekend) for the Sixth Annual A 'La Carte, A 'La Park.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Eickman, Guggenhime, McAteer, O'Connor, Orr, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioner Harris

18. **RANDALL MUSEUM**
RENOVATION PLAN AND LOGO APPROVAL

Approval of renovation plan and logo design for the Randall Museum.

Deborah Learner, Park Planner, explained that this item is approval of the Randall Museum renovation plan and logo, which are part of the Randall Museum Master Plan. Ms. Learner presented the logo which depicts an inquisitive child leaping joyfully over the hill (which is Corona Heights) and conveys the spirit of the Museum's mission. Renovation of the auditorium includes bleacher seating to bring the audience closer to the stage to give the auditorium a more intimate feeling. The stage size and seating will be flexible to accommodate a range of activities. The floor will be slightly modified to accept variations of seating at the ground level and to provide better viewing of the stage. The steps will be carpeted to baffle the noise. The auditorium design reduces the seating capacity from 214 to 197. Technical work will be done in the sound booth. Very minor improvements are proposed for the lobby. The intent is to provide an information counter, and a larger exhibit area.

A community meeting was held and the primary concern raised was the issue of traffic on Museum Way and the number of evening and weekend activities taking place at the Museum. Staff reviewed these concerns and checked the attendance figures and will work with the neighbors to address their concerns, which may include placement of swing gates on the rear parking area to prevent after hours activities and improved security lighting.

On recommendation of the Recreation Program Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Guggenhime, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15627

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the renovation plan and logo design for the Randall Museum.

Ayes: Commissioners Eickman, Guggenhime, McAteer, O'Connor, Orr, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioner Harris

19. **RANDALL MUSEUM**
RENTAL RATES (Continued)

RES. NO. 15628
(Continued)

GROUP II: Non-Profit Groups
Groups with non-profit status, not aligned with the Museum's mission.

GROUP III: Other Groups
Groups wishing to use the museum for events not related to the museum: Weddings, parties, lectures, etc.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Eickman, Guggenhime, McAteer, O'Connor, Orr, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioner Harris

20. **RANDALL MUSEUM**
FEE POLICY

Approval of fee policy for The Randall Museum Classes.

Amy Dawson, Director, Randall Museum explained this is a request to establish a fee policy for classes offered at the Randall Museum. Presently, participants are accessed a minimal fee for the majority of the classes offered. The Department's intent is to charge a fee that will recover the costs of materials and supplies to offer the class. Ms. Dawson recommended approval of the fee policy.

On recommendation of the Recreation Program Committee, and on motion of Commissioner McAteer, seconded by Commissioner Orr, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15629

RESOLVED, That the Recreation and Park Commission approves the following fee policy for classes offered at the Randall Museum"

1) Classes conducted by the Recreation & Park Department:

°The Superintendent of Recreation shall determine Randall Museum class fees. These fees are subject to review and approval by the General Manager.

°Fees established shall be determined solely upon the need for classes to be self supporting by recovering the costs of materials and supplies.

°The Randall Museum Society will collect all class fees. Fees collected by the Society for Recreation and Park Department classes shall be submitted to the Accounting Section of the Finance Division.

°Any fee changes that fit within this policy will not require Commission approval.

19. **RANDALL MUSEUM**
RENTAL RATES (Continued)

On recommendation of the Recreation Program Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Orr, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15628

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Randall Museum Rental Rates, as follows:

	G R O U P S		
	I*	II	III
Auditorium	$30.00	$100.00	$155.00
Buckley or Art Room	$20.00	$ 55.00	$ 80.00
Randall Room	$15.00	$ 50.00	$ 75.00
Library or Science Room	$15.00	$ 25.00	$ 45.00
Lobby	N/A	$ 40.00	$ 60.00
Birthday parties:	$30.00 per party/Randall Room		

*In addition to the fee, see special conditions listed under definition of Group I

A. Auditorium & Randall Room or Lobby	$ 45.00	$150.00	$275.00
Cleaning & Security Deposit	$ 30.00	$ 50.00	$ 50.00
B. Auditorium, Randall Room, Buckley Room, Lobby, Halls, and Kitchen	$150.00	$300,00	$600.00
Cleaning & Security Deposit	$100.00	$100.00	$100.00

FEES AND CHARGES

°Fees shall be charged for 3 hours of use, including set up and clean up.
°$50/year, Security Deposit for those groups meeting monthly.
°10% of the gross income from any admissions or product sales.
°$25/hour or fraction thereof, for exceeding the allotted time.

DEFINITION OF USER GROUPS

GROUP I Museum Sponsored Groups:
Groups whose purpose is aligned with the Museum's mission, including any non-profit children's group. For groups that use the facility on a regular basis, for more than 6 months, two of the following contributions are required:
a) a recreational or educational Saturday program for our public, preferably geared toward children.
b) a two-month exhibit.
c) volunteers for two special events or projects.

All require prior consultation with the staff, and the Museum Director's approval.
Total value of contributions must be equal to or greater than the difference between Group I and Group II user fees.

21. TENNIS COURT RESERVATIONS POLICIES (Continued)

Commissioner Orr felt that the Commission should be mindful of the cost factor connected with this reservation policy.

On recommendation of the Recreation Program Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Orr, seconded by Commissioner McAteer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15630

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the tennis court reservation policy which provides that:

°youth team play increase in the number of tournament courts at Golden Gate Park from six to ten courts

°approve the use of neighborhood facilities with four or more courts for high school team play (i.e. Dolores Park, Parkside (Moffett), Mountain Lake, Balboa, Dupont, Julius Kahn, McLaren Park and Midtown).

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Eickman, Guggenhime, McAteer, O'Connor, Orr, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioner Harris

22. LAKE MERCED
LAKE MERCED BOATHOUSE
TERMINATION OF LEASE

Action on the Finance and Administration Committee's recommendation to terminate the Lake Merced Boathouse lease.

Lucinda Pope Scanlan, Park Property Management Supervisor, explained that the Finance and Administration Committee considered the proposed assignment of the Lake Merced Boathouse lease as well as the issue of past due rents. The Committee recommended termination of the lease unless an assignment proposal and all delinquent rent was made current by close of business, 2/14/90. Ms. Scanlan reported that an assignment proposal was received on 2/14/90 as well as payment of the back rent. Staff will review the assignment proposal and make a recommendation at a future meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee.

23. BEACH CHALET GROUP
APPROVAL/REJECTION OF BID

Action on the bid of the Beach Chalet Group for operation of Beach Chalet.

Lucinda Pope Scanlan, Park Property Management Supervisor, explained that the Commission granted an extension to the 2/1/90 Finance and Administration Committee meeting for the Beach Chalet Group to find funding for its project. The Beach Chalet Group has reached the conclusion that their original proposal was impractical and want to continue to proceed in the development of a significantly scaled back scheme without invalidating the score of their original bid.

20. **RANDALL MUSEUM**
FEE POLICY (Continued)

RES. NO. 15629
(Continued)

Classes conducted by the Museum Society:

°The Superintendent of Recreation shall review proposed fees to be charged by the Society and make a report to the General Manager.

°The Society shall have appropriate insurance for all activities conducted.

°Fees shall cover the cost of materials, supplies, insurance and may cover the cost of Society instructors.

°The Randall Museum Society shall collect and account for all fees.

°Any fee changes that fit within this policy will not require Commission approval.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Eickman, Guggenhime, McAteer, O'Connor, Orr, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioner Harris

21. **TENNIS COURT RESERVATIONS**
POLICIES

Approval of tennis court reservation policy.

Joel Robinson, Superintendent of Recreation, explained that this item is a request to revise the tennis court reservation policy in order to address the growing population of high school and youth tennis players in the City. Presently, the policy allows staff to reserve 6 Golden Gate Park tennis courts in the morning for youth activities. Because of the growing popularity by teens wanting to play tennis, staff wants authorization to set aside an additional 4 tennis courts in Golden Gate Park for youth and San Francisco Unified School District activities. Staff is also requesting that they be able to reserve neighborhood park tennis courts, in those parks having more than 4 tennis courts. Mr. Robinson explained that a member of the Tennis Advisory Committee expressed concern at the Committee level because expansion of this reservation policy would restrict usage for adults.

Commissioner Ruiz felt that perhaps the School District should utilize its own property for tennis and not rely on Recreation and Park property for this activity. He was concerned that the Department was subsidizing other agencies and may have to curtail some other program to make tennis courts available to the School District.

Mary E. Burns, General Manager, explained that the School District tennis courts need to be resurfaced and that both the School District and Recreation and Park have the same mission: youth and children of San Francisco. She further explained that the School District has a massive capital project for asbestos repair and that resurfacing tennis courts was most likely not considered a priority for them. She noted that the Commission policy is to give priority to children and youth activities.

Mr. Robinson noted that the Recreation and Park Department utilizes 43 School District schoolyards and 13 of their gyms for afterschool programs, at not cost to the Department.

23. **BEACH CHALET GROUP**
APPROVAL/REJECTION OF BID (Continued)

In response to Commissioner Orr's query, Ms. Backman explained that the $450,000 dollar figure she mentioned represented grants that had been applied for through a number of foundations.

Mr. Prindle outlined the Commission options: to terminate the bid, grant the Beach Chalet Group an extension of time, or allow staff to pursue other options.

Vice President Eickman felt that staff should be allowed to pursue other options because the Commission had afforded the Beach Chalet Group so much time.

Ms. Scanaln felt it would be wiser to reject the Beach Chalet Group's bid and to retain the bid deposit, which was one of the conditions of the extension.

A discussion ensued regarding retention of the bid deposit. Friends of Recreation and Parks is unable to confirm at this time whether a $50,000 unrestricted donation will be received from Louise Davies. The Commission deferred rendering a decision regarding the bid deposit until it can be confirmed how much money is in the Friends of Recreation and Parks account for the Beach Chalet.

On motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner McAteer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15631

RESOLVED, That this Commission rejects the bid of Beach Chalet Group (BCG) with the understanding that if the Beach Chalet Group presents another proposal staff would review it.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That staff is authorized to entertain other bid proposals for the Beach Chalet.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Eickman, Guggenhime, McAteer, O'Connor, Orr, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioner Harris

24. **GOLDEN GATE PARK STABLES**
ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE

Consideration of Conceptual Approval to assignment of Golden Gate Park Stables to San Francisco Equestrian Inc.

Ernie Prindle, Assistant General Manager for Finance and Property, explained that the Finance and Administration Committee considered a 20 year extension to the present Golden Gate Park Stables lease. He outlined the terms of the present lease that contain a condition that all of the breaches of the lease must be cured before an assignment could take effect and that the maximum term of the lease would be 10 years. The proposal before the Commission is to allow staff to enter into negotiation for a longer lease, a 20 year extension. The City Attorney wanted to offer further advice and to discuss the particulars with the Commission in closed session.

23. **BEACH CHALET GROUP**
APPROVAL/REJECTION OF BID (Continued)

The Beach Chalet Group is asking for a further time extension to acquire the $1.2 Million (the prior financing plan required close to $3 Million). To date, they have raised $51,000. The extension of time relies heavily on obtaining a $1 Million grant, currently pending, from the Warhol Foundation for Visual Arts. Staff has spoken to the Director of this Foundation who has indicated that the maximum allocation is in the range of $25,000 to $50,000. She recommended that the Commission direct staff to pursue alternative proposals for the Beach Chalet and that if the Beach Chalet Group presents a viable offer at some future date, staff will bring forth that proposal for Commission review. Staff did not feel the project warranted a further time extension.

Kevin Engle, Connoisseurs Collection, stated that he was a restaurant consultant, and has a group of investors which include some very successful restauranteurs in the country. He received and reviewed the original Beach Chalet bid package. He was not able to find a concept that could warrant a profitable restaurant in that building. He felt that a fresh approach should be considered for the Beach Chalet and to stop considering only a restaurant proposal. He urged that the Beach Chalet is a City facility and that consideration should be given for it to be utilized for citizens and the people of the Bay Area.

Audrey Roberts, representing Connoisseur Collection Consultants, explained that she is a business investor and marketing consultant, who felt the Beach Chalet offered a unique concept at beach front property. She recounted the fact that she had contacted the Beach Chalet Group a few months ago and offered consultation. She offered many hours on their project. Ms. Roberts has developed revised plans which involve her marketing concepts and ideas. She was concerned that the Beach Chalet was deteriorating.

A. H. Parnian, representing CATS Night Club, stated that if he were allowed to put in a bid proposal he could make the Beach Chalet a number one supper club in San Francisco.

Susan Backman, representing the Beach Chalet Group (BCG), explained that their original plans were not feasible and that they have looked at ways to accomplish a restaurant for less money and to make it more attractive for fundraising. She explained that Ms. Roberts, a previous speaker, contacted them and two meetings were held with her. The Beach Chalet Group had already revised their marketing plan before meeting with Ms. Roberts and felt that Ms. Roberts's plan was substantially different.

Ms. Backman explained that she has been working diligenty on their project and has obtained a $50,000 donation from Louise Davies for the Beach Chalet. She stated that she has also been working with many foundations and that foundations usually make funding decisions in Spring. She noted that the Beach Chalet Group is now looking to raise $1.2 Million and has changed its plan from a fine dining restaurant to a cafe style restaurant, with the upstairs to be used for banquets in the evening. The grant applications could generate a substantial portion of the required funding. She stated that her group was not opposed to having the City explore other options.

26. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
MARKETING POLICY

Interim approval for negotiating fees and policies for park properties under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Department for marketing purposes.

Ernie Prindle, Assistant General Manager for Finance and Property, explained that his Division has just begun to implement its marketing program. Staff would like to have the authority to charge fees in order to capitalize on the upcoming Summer tourist season. His request was that the General Managber be allowed to negotiate rental rates, fees and policies for special interest groups. Staff will then develop a program, based on the summer season, and present a more formalized policy for adoption in the Fall.

On motion of Commissioner Orr, seconded by Commissioner McAteer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15634

RESOLVED, That this Commission grants to the General Manager standby authority to:

°negotiate rental fees and policies for the Department facilities to special interest groups, receptions, corporate picnics, private parties, etc., and

°negotiate advertising and promotional programs for Department facilities.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this authority shall be temporary through the Summer of 1990. Upon the conclusion of the Summer, the Marketing Section will return with a detailed fee structure and policy for proposed review and approval by the Commission.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Eickman, Guggenhime, McAteer, O'Connor, Orr, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioner Harris

27. **CANDLESTICK PARK**
USAGE AGREEMENT

Approval of an agreement between the Recreation and Park Commission and International Opera Festival to use Candlestick Park from July 9-18, 1990, for the production of the Opera Aida.

ACTION: This item was removed from the Calendar.

24. **GOLDEN GATE PARK STABLES**
ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE

John Oliver, was present to bid on the Golden Gate Park Stables, and offered a bid for the Commission to review.

The Commission convened in Executive Session on Item #24 - 5:30 to 5:40 p.m.

On motion of Commissioner Guggenhime, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz

RES. NO. 15632

RESOLVED, That this Commission acknowledges that any consideration for the assignment of the Golden Gate Park Stables lease will only be for the duration of the present lease.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Eickman, Guggenhime, McAteer, O'Connor, Orr, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioner Harris

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Mara Rosales, Deputy City Attorney, explained that she advised the Commission to convene in Executive Session because it was her opinion that granting conceptual approval to an extension would significantly expose the City to litigation.

25. **COIT TOWER**
ONE-TIME RENTAL

Approval of one-time rental of Coit Tower to Cable Car Tours.

Ernie Prindle, Assistant General Manager for Finance and Property, explained that this a request for a one-time rental of Coit Tower. The Commission previously had prohibited rental of Coit Tower because of damage to the murals. The murals at Coit Tower have been restored and now have protective barriers.

Mary E. Burns, General Manager, explained that the restoration project included protective barriers for the murals. If the rental is without ncident and the mural barriers are in place then staff will bring forward a resolution to rescind the previous Commission resolution.

Commissioner Guggenhime felt that the rental rate of $450.00 was very low and that if Coit Tower is marketed in the future, the rental rate should be dramatically increased.

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Orr, seconded by Commissioner Guggenhime, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15633

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the one-time rental of Coit Tower with Cable Car Tours.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Eickman, Guggenhime, McAteer, O'Connor, Orr, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioner Harris

30. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS
ZOO ADVISORY COMMITTEE
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Review of the Zoo Advisory Committee Executive Summary and adoption of action items.

Mary E. Burns, General Manager, explained that the Zoo Advisory Committee, which was established by the Board of Supervisors to give advice on a variety of issues and problems at the Zoo, has been in existence for approximately one year. That Committee has substantially completed its work and has made its recommendations. In order to submit its findings to the Board of Supervisors in a timely fashion, it was agreed to have the Commission consider the recommendations with the understanding that if there were any substantive changes, those changes would be forwarded and considered by the Joint Zoo Committee.

Ms. Burns supported several of the recommendations which include:

°modernization, modifications and improvements to the existing animal facilities
°monitoring all phases of construction of the Sewage Treatment Plant
°develop new sources of funding for Zoo
°create a continuing education fund to enable animal keepers to do research, and participate in seminars and conferences
°funding for a half-time veterinarian to provide coverage when the full-time veterinarian is not on-site and funding for a full-time industrial hygienist to be added to the staff at the Zoo. Both of these items were included in this year's budget request.
°Only persons versed in the care, and handling and training of of Asian Elephants should be allowed to handle these animals
°Defer the "Zoo 2000" plans until existing exhibit areas are improved
°Zoo remain a municipal function under the Recreation and Park Department.

Ms. Burns felt that two of the recommendations made should be deferred until the new Zoo Director is in place and obtain experience with civil service procedures:

°removing all scientific positions included but not limited to curatorial staff and the veterinarian, from the requirements of civil service, and

°that in future hiring prospective curators possess the education and experience which the welfare of the animal collection demands.

Several recommendations that Ms. Burns did not concur with included:

°defunding of all four senior keeper positions. Defunding these positions would eliminate a necessary level of supervision from the Zoo.
°limiting the role of the San Francisco Zoological Society which currently operates the Children's Zoo and insect zoo.
°elimination of the Joint Zoo Committee
°establishment of a permanent and independent oversight committee for the Zoo which excludes members of the Recreation and Park Commission.
°Replacement of the Zoo veterinarian. Ms. Burns explained that the new Zoo Director is well versed in managing veterinary care. She noted that the Zoo and City will benefit from his expertise and oversight.

28. **SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM**

Approval of the proposed settlement of the unlitigated claim of Scott Yamamoto in the amount of $983.88.

On motion of Commissioner Guggenhime, seconded by Commissioner McAteer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15635

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the proposed settlement of the unlitigated claim of Scott Yamamoto in the amount of $983.88.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Eickman, Guggenhime, McAteer, O'Connor, Orr, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioner Harris

29. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**
CLEAN WATER PROGRAM
LAKE MERCED TRANSPORT STORAGE PROJECT

Adoption of the final negative declaration for the Lake Merced Transport Storage and approval of the project.

Deborah Learner, Park Planner, explained that the Clean Water Program is required to install a sewer transport near Lake Merced. The sewer line will run along John Muir Drive, continue on Skyline and end at the Great Highway extension and Sloat Blvd. The preferred alternative selected was a gravity tunnel under John Muir Drive and the Great Highway Extension, connecting with the Great Highway transport. There will be no surface construction in this project and the tunnel terminus will be located on Golden Gate National Recreational Property at Sloat and Great Highway. A negative declaration was certified for this project in 1988 which includes environmental compliance monitoring to assure compliance with noise and dust controls. The project duration is approximately 22 months.

Vice President Eickman noted that this project is necessary because presently raw sewage is going untreated into the ocean during wet weather.

On recommendation of the Joint Zoo Committee, and on motion of Commissioner McAteer, seconded by Commissioner Orr, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15636

RESOLVED, That this Commission adopts the final negative declaration for the Lake Merced Transport Storage and approves the project.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Eickman, Guggenhime, McAteer, O'Connor, Orr, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioner Harris

31. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS (Continued) RES. NO. 15638 (Continued)

d. From the Grateful Dead, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $2,000.00, for the Tenderloin Recreation Center.

e. From the McAllister Trust, twenty (20) mature orchid plants, valued at $2,000, for the Conservatory of Flowers.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate letters of thanks be sent to the donors.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Eickman, Guggenhime, McAteer, O'Connor, Orr, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioner Harris

32. PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission. Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President or the Commission may limit the total testimony to 30 minutes.

ACTION: No public comment was received.

33. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ACTION: This item was not considered.

34. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following Commission Committee reports were submitted for the record:

Joint Zoo Committee Meeting of December 11, 1989
Recreation Program Committee Meeting of January 31, 1990
Parks and Planning Committee Meeting of February 1, 1990
Finance and Administration Committee Meeting of February 1, 1990

30. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS
ZOO ADVISORY COMMITTEE
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY (Continued)

Ms. Burns acknowledged the efforts of the Zoo Advisory Committee.

Vice President Eickman explained that he has been a member of the Zoo Advisory Committee for over a year. The Committee met twice a month, had many subcommittees, inspections and tours. He gained an enormous amount of knowledge of Zoo operations. He explained the reasons he voted in opposition to some of the recommendations of the Zoo Advisory Committee.

On recommendation of the Joint Zoo Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Orr, seconded by Commissioner McAteer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15637

RESOLVED, This Commission adopts the following executive summary items of the Zoo Advisory Committee as contained in General Manager Mary E. Burns memo dated 2/5/90:

Endorsement of recommendations 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13, 15 and 16
Defer recommendations 2 and 17 until they are reviewed by the new Zoo Director
Oppose recommendations 3, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 14

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Please note: The final Zoo Advisory Committee recommendations were re-numbered. Therefore, the revised recommendations should be as listed below:
Endorsement of recommendations 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 17
Defer recommendations 4 and 6 until they can be reviewed by the new Zoo Director
Oppose recommendations 1, 7, 13, 14, 15, and 16

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Eickman, Guggenhime, McAteer, O'Connor, Orr, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioner Harris

31. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS

On motion of Commissioner Orr, seconded by Commissioner Eickman, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15638

RESOLVED, That this Commission accepts the following gifts valued at $28,986.53, for the Recreation and Park Department:

a. From the Swig Foundation, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $3,000.00, for the Coit Tower restoration.

b. From the Koret Foundation, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $18,000.00, to fund the Teen Coordinator position, Recreation Division.

c. From the Mrs. Margaret K. Cooper, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $4,986.53, for park maintenance.

35. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Orr, the meeting was adjourned with best wishes for a speedy recovery to Tony Bila, Animal Keeper, who was injured 2/13/90, when Tinkerbelle one of the Zoo's elephants, nudged Mr. Bila, causing a back and shoulder injury.

On motion of Commissioner McAteer, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Linda Woo's mother, who recently passed away. Ms. Woo works in the Athletics Section of the Recreation Division.

On motion of Commissioner Guggenhime, the meeting was adjourned in memory of John Galindo, manager at the Opera House. Mr. Galindo worked for many years in conjunction with the Stern Grove Festival Association.

On motion of Commissioner O'Connor, the meeting was adjourned with best wishes for a speedy recovery to Commissioner Tommy Harris who had to leave the meeting early since he was not feeling well.

There being no further business, the 644th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

Note: These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Recreation and Park Commission on matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological order in which the matters were taken up.

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MINUTES

645TH REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 1990 - 2:00 P.M.

The Six Hundred and Forty-Fifth Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, March 15, 1990, at 2:00 p.m. by President Connie O'Connor.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:
Commissioner Connie O'Connor, President
Commissioner Keith Eickman, Vice President
Commissioner Richard J. Guggenhime
Commissioner Frances McAteer
Commissioner Trent Orr
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz

Absent:
Commissioner Tommy Harris

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Orr, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the minutes of the Special Meeting of February 7, 1990 were approved as presented.

On motion of Commissioner McAteer, seconded by Commissioner Guggenhime, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 15, 1990 were approved as corrected.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Mary E. Burns, submitted the following report:

"DANIEL E. KOSHLAND AWARDS

Recreation Directors, Diana Wong, Tenderloin Recreation Center, and Keith Grier, Boeddeker Recreation Center, were selected to receive the Daniel E. Koshland Civic Unity Awards. These awards are given annually by the Daniel E. Koshland Committee of the San Francisco Foundation to recognize outstanding community leaders at the neighborhood level who "accept even the most stubborn problem as a deeply personal challenge."

The theme of the awards is "The Future -- Children and Youth." Diana and Keith were recognized as "community treasures" for the roles that they have played over their years of service to children and youth, and also because of their devotion and dedication to the Tenderloin community. They are being honored on Wednesday, April 11, 1990 at the Commonwealth Club. Each will receive $1,000 personally and in addition, the amount of $1,000 each year for the next five years will go to the organization(s) of their choice.

This is truly an honor for Diana and Keith, and a privilege for the Recreation and Park Department to have such dedicated employees. I know you join me in congratulating them on this most coveted award.

COLEMAN ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

On April 5th Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth will honor individuals for their exemplary contribution to child advocacy in San Francisco. I am pleased to announce that Joel Robinson, Superintendent of Recreation, and former Commissioner, Jeff Mori, will be two of the honorees. Even though Joel and Jeff are not here today, we congratulate them for all their good work and achievements in helping the young citizens of San Francisco.

PARK PATROL OFFICER TO BE COMMENDED

On the weekend of March 3rd between Friday evening and Saturday noon, a break-in occurred at Pioneer Log Cabin. A private citizen notified the Police Department which in turn called the Park Patrol. Park Patrol Officer, John Ruppert, arrived on the scene along with Mounted Patrol Officers in time to apprehend the thief in the act of loading his car. This type of action is a credit to the Department. I should add it was discovered that the thief was a convicted murderer who had escaped from Atascadero State Hospital.

The Commission Secretary was directed to send
a letter of commendation to John Ruppert.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

NEW TEEN COORDINATOR

The Recreation Division is pleased to announce the selection of Ms. Lorraine Lampkin for the position of Teen Services Coordinator. Ms. Lampkin was selected from a group of over 160 applicants for this position. She comes to us from the Mayor's Office of Public Safety where she designed and implemented many programs related to teens, such as the Mayor's Team '89 Summer Employment Program. Lorraine has also been involved as a teen counselor for the Crippled Children's Society, and Teen Academic and Recreation counselor at San Jose State University. Ms. Lampkin has a B.A. degree from San Jose State University and a law degree from New College of California. Please join me in welcoming Lorraine to the Recreation and Park Department.

BERNIE SAVANT, NEW PURCHASER

Also joining the Department is Bernie Savant, our new Senior Purchaser, who replaces Rick Kimball. Mr. Marvin Geistlinger, the City Purchaser, has a policy of regularly rotating the Senior Purchasers, preferably every two years; thus, Bernie is coming to us from the Airport and Rick has been assigned to San Francisco General Hospital. We welcome Bernie to the Department, and also extend to Rick Kimball all good wishes in his new assignment.

NEW ZOO DIRECTOR

I would like to remind you that David Anderson will formally join the Recreation and Park Department as its new Zoo Director beginning Monday, March 19, 1990.

"SKIPPY" THE RED KANGAROO

I am sorry to report that "Skippy", the red kangaroo who received a pacemaker last week, died this morning in the Intensive Care Unit at U.C. Davis Veterinary Hospital. A press release is being prepared by Mr. Arnold, Acting Zoo Director.

MAYOR'S OFFICE OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES

The Mayor's Office of Children, Youth and Their Families has asked that the Recreation and Park Commission designate one of its members to serve as a representative on a new committee which will meet monthly to discuss issues relevant to children, youth and their families. Created by ordinance of the Board, this committee is designed to better coordinate delivery of services among various City departments and the private sector.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

EARTHQUAKE UPDATE

Earthquake repair activity has depleted many of our accounts to zero. While much of the earthquake-related expenditures are eligible for reimbursement, FEMA has awarded only $15,000.00 to this Department, and the funds are not "in hand" but still being held in the Controller's Office. I will continue to keep you informed on this matter.

The Private Industry Council (PIC) workers have been a great asset to the Structural Maintenance Division in catching up on our major backlog of earthquake-related damage. You will recall that these workers were hired and paid by PIC with federal funds under Title III, with the length of their individual employment not to exceed 6 months. However, the workers have had to use supplies which has accelerated the depletion of our stock, especially plumbing, electrical, and carpentry materials.

CANDLESTICK PARK

As the stalemate between players and owners in Major League Baseball continues, there are indications that the opening of the 1990 baseball season may be delayed. The Baseball Commissioner's office has announced that any games lost to such a delay will not be rescheduled. We must anticipate that there may be significant loss of Candlestick Park revenue if the opening of the season is postponed. The Department projects a loss of approximately $131,000.00 in parking and gate revenues if the first week of the season is lost. This figure includes estimated revenues for two exhibition games against Oakland, Opening Day and two additional regular season games during the first week. The Giants are scheduled to be away during the second week of the season.

CAMP MATHER

Registration for Camp Mather begins Friday, April 6th for San Francisco residents, and Monday, April 23 for nonresidents. The Public Relations Office placed an ad in the camp issue of Motorland Magazine, prepared a feature article which appeared in the Chronicle, and coordinated a forthcoming article highlighting Camp Mather to be published in the San Mateo Times. Additionally, a press release and calendar publicizing the registration was sent out this week to over 250 media, including ethnic, physically challenged, and other special interest groups. Reservations are made by mail or "drop-off" written request.

P.G. & E. NEWSLETTER

This month's P.G.& E. bill includes a newsletter featuring Golden Gate Park. The article, prepared by our Public Relations Office, will be sent to 4 million households in the Bay Area during the course of the month. As of March 12, our switchboard reported receiving 200 new inquiries about the park's facilities referencing the P.G. & E. article.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

EARTHDAY

The Department is planning a special event to commemorate Earthday on Saturday, April 21. Activities will range from recyclable arts and crafts and "EarthGames" for children, demonstrations by our tree trimmers and Conservatory gardeners, tree plantings and special guided walks led by Friends of Recreation and Parks and Arboretum docents. Entertainment will be donated by members of the Pickle Family Circus and The Greater Tuna, among others. A donated motorized cable car will shuttle participants to the various activity sites. The day will end with an endangered species tour at the Zoo. We are coordinating with national organizers of Earthday and the Celebration of the Outdoors, to achieve the greatest visibility for our events.

SCIENCE FAIR

The Ninth Annual San Francisco Middle School Science Fair co-sponsored by the Recreation and Park Department, the San Francisco Unified School District, and the Archdiocese of San Francisco, is being held at the Randall Museum now through March 21st. Two Hundred-fifty science projects were chosen out of nearly 3000 entries from 29 public, private and parochial middle schools. These projects will be judged this evening, with the Awards ceremony being held on Saturday, March 17th from 10:30 to 12 noon. JoAnne Miller, vice president of the Board of Education, a representative of the Archdiocese of San Francisco and I will be presenting the awards.

COMPLETED CAPITAL PROJECTS

Michelangelo Park, funded through Open Space monies has been completed. This beautiful gem was developed in cooperation with a considerable amount of community involvement. Almost $100,000.00 was raised by the community to support the park's development. It is composed of a play area, community garden, a meadow, a 1/2 court for basketball, and a small stage area. I will let you know when dedication ceremonies are to be held.

Crocker Amazon Soccer Field Irrigation, funded through the 1987 Park Bond, has also been completed. This large quadrant of Crocker Amazon will now be irrigated automatically, which is a tremendous labor saver for our park gardeners.

Kezar Stadium Reconstruction contract was awarded and the start work notice will be given the end of March. This $6+ million reconstruction job has been in the planning and design stages for several years. Because bids came in slightly below the engineer's estimate, all project alternates including an improved track, night lighting, sound system, and an entry archway will be included in the construction contract.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

SYMPOSIUM GIVEN BY ELIZABETH BARLOW ROGERS

On March 8th and 9th staff and Commissioner Keith Eickman attended a symposium entitled "Rebuilding New York's Central Park: An Inspiration for Golden Gate Park," presented by Elizabeth Barlow Rogers, Central Park Administrator and President of the Central Park Conservancy. This event was sponsored jointly by the San Francisco Economic Development Corporation and the Strybing Arboretum Society.

Ms. Rogers reviewed what had taken place in Central Park in the past 10 years, when in 1979 Central Park fell victim to the City's fiscal crisis with the park in total disrepair and neglect. She told how a unique public/private partnership was developed and a master plan was produced to restore the park. Forty-six million has been raised and many of the projects identified in the plan have been completed.

Even though Golden Gate Park is not facing the same crisis at the present time, it was generally felt by participants that this forum alerted us to the fact that now is the time to begin thinking about ways to prevent such an occurrence happening in San Francisco, and that forums such as this were a good step in that direction. Funding will be recommended for consultants and the establishment of a Blue Ribbon Committee on Golden Gate Park will be pursued.

RETIREMENTS

Gregory Medved	3417 Gardener	9 years
Achilles Bel-Jon	3417 Gardener	13 years

DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, March 17, 1990	Ikebana Flower Show, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., County Fair Building
Tuesday, March 27, 1990	Strybing Arboretum Society Annual Awards Dinner, 6:30 p.m., Hyatt Regency Hotel
Wednesday, March 28, 1990	Recreation Program Committee, 3:30 p.m., Mission Playground
Tuesday, April 3, 1990	Joint Zoo Committee, 4:00 p.m. S.F. Zoo
Thursday, April 5, 1990	Parks and Planning Committee, 9:00 a.m., McLaren Lodge
Thursday, April 5, 1990	Finance and Administration Committee, 4:00 p.m., McLaren Lodge"

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, ratification of the following resolutions, which are processed under Resolution No. 13572:

a. Personnel Matters — RES. NO. 15639

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period February 2, 1990 through March 1, 1990.

b. SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS UNDER $500.00 — RES. NO. 15640

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following unlitigated settlement of claims under $500.00:

Rafael Guajardo	$212.00
Valerie Peck	325.41
Lawrence J. Simi	43.47

c. KEZAR STADIUM AWARD OF CONTRACT — RES. NO. 15641

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the award of contract in the amount of $6,122,700, to S.J. Amoroso Construction Co., Inc./Verrett Construction Co., Inc., for the reconstruction of the Kezar Stadium.

d. CORONA HEIGHTS AWARD OF CONTRACT — RES. NO. 15642

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the award of contract in the amount of $43,724, to the San Francisco Conservation Corps., for erosion control improvements at Corona Heights.

e. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS MUNI PASSPORT PASS — RES. NO. 15643

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the extension of participation by the San Francisco Zoological Gardens in the MUNI passport program.

f. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS HONORE BEQUEST — RES. NO. 15644

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Zoo Director to spend an amount, not to exceed $750.00, for habitat enhancement from the Honore Bequest.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

g. MICHELANGELO PARK — RES. NO. 15645
PLAQUE WORDING

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the plaque wording to be placed in Michelangelo Park.

h. JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA — RES. NO. 15646
AMERICAN BOARDSAILING INDUSTRIES ASSN.
TWO-DAY EVENT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request from American Boardsailing Industries Association for the use of Justin Herman Plaza for the 1990 All-A-Board Windsurfing Demo Tour on August 23 and August 24, 1990.

i. TRANSFER AUTHORITY — RES. NO. 15647

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves Standby Authority to allow the General Manager to transfer funds per Charter section 6.305 as follows:

°Surplus fringe benefits to other salary appropriations including lump sum payments for retirements.

°Transfer up to 10% of non-salary appropriations

j. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — RES. NO. 15648
RENT CREDIT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a rent credit to the San Francisco Giants in an amount equal to one third of the total project cost, not to exceed $5,750.00, for the purchase of a low power advisory AM radio station for use at Candlestick Park.

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. DAPHNE (CATHAY MORTUARY) VERSUS CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT

Review of the proposed settlement between the City and County of San Francisco versus Daphne, Cathay Mortuary [Alameda County Superior Court #651105-0]. (Note: The Commission will convene in Executive Session pursuant to California Government Code Section Section 54956.9(b) to discuss this matter.)

General Manager Mary E. Burns, explained that the Commission would convene in Executive Session to discuss the proposed settlement of a long standing lawsuit between the City versus Daphne.

2:15 p.m. to 2:50 p.m.
The Commission convened in Executive Session to discuss Items #5 and 6.

5. **DAPHNE (CATHAY MORTUARY) VERSUS CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO PROPOSED SETTLEMENT (Continued)**

President O'Connor explained that the Commission had approved the proposed settlement but was not at liberty to disclose the terms of the settlement until such time as the Board of Supervisors approved the settlement.

RES. NO. 15649

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the proposed settlement in the matter of the City and County of San Francisco versus Daphne, Cathay Mortuary [Alameda County Superior Court #651105-0].

6. **SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM**

Approval of the proposed compromise settlement of the litigated claim of Christy H. Taylor in the amount of $34,542.70.

RES. NO. 15650

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the proposed compromise settlement of the litigated claim of Christy H. Taylor in the amount of $34,542.70.

7. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS**

Phil Arnold, Interim Zoo Director, explained that all of the animal transactions were conducted with licensed dealers who have signed a letter of understanding stipulating that the dealer will not use these animals for game or at shooting ranches or for use at non-Zoo facilities.

On motion of Commissioner McAteer, seconded by Commissioner Orr, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15651

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transactions (which were processed under Resolution No. 13572) for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens:

SOLD TO: Ross Park Zoo
P. O. Box 469
Pochatello, ID 83205
USDA #82C3

One (1) Male Rocky Mountain Goat, valued at $500.00. Payment to be made to the Animal Purchase Account.

SOLD TO: Buffalo Zoological Gardens
Delaware Park
New York, New York 14214
USDA #21FJ

One (1) Male and One (1) Female Owl Monkey, valued at $200.00 each, total value of $400.00. Payment to be made to the Animal Purchase Account.

7. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS** RES. NO. 15651
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS (Continued) (Continued)

SOLD TO: Safari West
3115 Porter Creek Road
Santa Rosa, CA 95404
USDA# 93B3

° One (1) Male and One (1) Female Axis Deer, $125.00 for the pair
° One (1) Male and One (1) Female Grey Kangaroo, $3,000.00 for the pair.
Payment to be made to the Animal Purchase Account.

TRADE: Buffalo Zoo
Delaware Park
New York, New York 14214
USDA #21FJ

One (Female) South American Tapir, valued at $5,000.00 for One (Female) South American Tapir, valued at $5,000.00. No exchange of funds.

8. **McKINLEY SQUARE**
TRANSFER OF PROPERTY

Approval to transfer a portion of McKinley Square property, west of Highway 101; to Department of Public Health.

General Manager Mary E. Burns, explained that several months ago the Commission conceptually approved the transfer to Public Health of a small triangle of land which was formerly part of McKinley Square. Many years ago, when Highway 101 was constructed, part of McKinley Square was taken for the freeway and a small portion of the park was severed from the main site. The Health Department is interested in acquiring this small triangle of landlocked property, north of San Francisco General Hospital, for its locked facility approved by the the electorate several years ago. The City Attorney has researched this matter and found that the land can be legally transferred to the Department of Public Health if no public funds have been spent to improve this land as a park. The Department of Public Health has agreed to vacate the First Aid Station located in Golden Gate Park and to return this property to Recreation and Park, prior to the start of construction of the locked facility.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner McAteer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15652

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the transfer of the portion of McKinley Square property, west of Highway 101, to Department of Public Health.

WHEREAS, This Commission pursuant to Resolution No. 6252 adopted on May 13, 1965 declared that it had no further use for either recreation or park purposes for the triangular portion of McKinley Square located to the west of the existing James Lick Freeway known as Lot 3 in Assessor's Block 4091; and

WHEREAS, The voters of the City and County of San Francisco approved a General Obligation Bond issue to construct a skilled nursing facility

8. McKINLEY SQUARE
TRANSFER OF PROPERTY (Continued)

RES. NO. 15652
(Continued)

WHEREAS, There is a small triangle of land that was formerly connected with McKinley Square before U.S. Highway 101 was constructed; and

WHEREAS, This Commission finds there has been no expenditure of Recreation and Park Commission funds to improve this parcel of ground; and

WHEREAS, On July 20, 1989 this Commission adopted Resolution No. 15428 approved in concept the use of the surplus property by the Department of Public Health; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 15428 attached a condition that the property currently occupied by the Department of Public Health in Golden Gate Park for a first aid station would be transferred to the Recreation and Park Department; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Public Health has agreed to conduct an asbestos assessment survey of the Park Aid Station before relinquishing control of that facility to the Recreation and Park Department, and

WHEREAS, The Department of Public Health has agreed to complete any asbestos removal required at the Park Aid Station be completed before that facility is relinquished to the Recreation and Park Department, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 15428 attached a condition on the use of McKinley Square contingent upon the vacation of the Park Aid Station located in Golden Gate Park adjacent to Stanyan Street prior to the time construction would occur for the skilled nursing facility adjacent to San Francisco General Hospital now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Commission hereby finds and determines that Resolution No. 6252 of this Commission adopted May 13, 1965 be implemented by the General Manager of this Commission; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the General Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute all necessary documents to transfer that portion of McKinley Square previously identified in this resolution to the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Health; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the General Manager of this Department is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to transfer jurisdiction of Park Aid Station from the Department of Public Health to the Recreation and Park Department of the City and County; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of Property of the City and County of San Francisco is hereby requested to prepare all necessary legislation to transfer Lot 3 in Assessor's Block 4091 (Portion McKinley Square) to the Department of Public Health and arrange for the transfer of the parcel of land and the building thereon known as Park Aid Station in Golden Gate Park fronting on Stanyan Street from the Department of Public Health to the Recreation and Park Department.

9. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
PANHANDLE
FARMERS' MARKET

Denial of request of permit application to use a portion of the Panhandle, Golden Gate Park for a farmers' market.

This item was removed from the Calendar

10. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
DE LAVEAGA DELL
AIDS MEMORIAL

Conceptual approval of renovation of de Laveaga Dell, Golden Gate Park, to be dedicated as memorial to those who have died of AIDS.

Park Planner Deborah Learner, explained that an organization entitled the "Grove Memorial", a special group stemming from the "Friends of the Urban Forest", has approached the Department to establish an AIDS grove in Golden Gate Park. After several discussions and meetings, the Department informed the group that it would be very constructive to rehabilitate a specific portion of Golden Gate Park. The Grove Memorial group has expressed interest in rehabilitating DeLaveaga Dell. The request before the Commission is to grant conceptual approval in accordance with the Gift Policy, to have staff continue to meet with the Grove Memorial group to refine the details of this project, including maintenance issues, and bring back an agreement for final Commission approval. The preliminary proposal includes a landscaping plan, drainage improvements and rehabilitation of a rocky water course at the western end of the dell.

Commissioner McAteer felt that the AIDS memorial should clearly reference the organization which is developing the site.

David Linger, representing the Grove Memorial, explained that the Friends of Urban Forest organization concerns itself primarily with the planting of trees in San Francisco. His original plan envisioned planting a grove of trees in Golden Gate Park for those who have died from AIDS. The Grove Memorial organization is an offshoot of the Friends of Urban Forest whose sole purpose is to develop an AIDS memorial in Golden Gate Park. Contributions will be made to the Friends of the Urban Forest and then transferred into a separate fund for the AIDS memorial.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Guggenhime, seconded by Commissioner Orr, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15653

RESOLVED, That this Commission grants conceptual approval for renovation of de Laveaga Dell, Golden Gate Park, by the Grove Memorial organization, to be dedicated as a memorial to those who have died of AIDS.

11. POTRERO DEL SOL
TWO-DAY EVENT
CINCO DE MAYO FESTIVAL

Consideration of request of Mission Economic and Cultural Association (MECA) to hold a two-day festival at Potrero del Sol Park on Saturday and Sunday, May 5 and May 6, 1990, for the annual "Cinco de Mayo" festival.

Peter Ashe, Assistant Superintendent for the Cultural Division, explained that this item is a request from Mission Economic and Cultural Association (MECA) to stage a two-day festival at Potrero del Sol Park. Mr. Ashe explained that the original planning concept was to use Rolph Park, the playground across the street from Potrero del Sol, for children's activities in conjunction with this event. Use of Rolph Park would reduce the number of people at Potrero del Sol. Mr. Ashe recommended approval with the express stipulation that this would be the last year that the the Cinco de Mayo festival would be held at Potrero del Sol Park. The festival has grown in popularity and Potrero del Sol Park can no longer accommodate the number of people who attend it.

Commissioner Ruiz explained that he spoke to the organizers of this event who informed him that the reason they withdrew their request to use Rolph Park was because of the number of restrictions being imposed upon MECA to use this park. He asked Mr. Ashe to outline some of the restrictions.

Mr. Ashe explained that, at the Committee level, Mr. Gordon Marcus, the event organizer, expressed concern about usage of Rolph Park because it would force children to cross a very heavily congested thoroughfare to travel from one park to the other. MECA was not pleased with the number of conditions imposed by staff for use of Rolph Park but since this park is dedicated as a neighborhood park it could not be used in the same manner as Potrero del Sol, a park which is designed for community activities. MECA envisioned using Rolph Park as an expansion of Potrero del Sol.

Commissioner Ruiz understood there to be restrictions on the sale of food and beverages at Rolph Park.

Mr. Ashe explained that in accordance with the Commission Permit and Reservations Policy, Rolph Park is viewed as a neighborhood park and Potrero del Sol is viewed as a site for community celebrations; thus, different restrictions are imposed upon each facility.

Vice President Eickman stated that at the Committee level it was also explained that this year the event would be configured differently to better utilize Potrero del Sol. In the past, the northern end of the park was never utilized and all of the attendees gathered at the southern end. This year MECA plans to stage children's activities in the northern end of the park to better utilize the entire park.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Guggenhime, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

11. POTRERO DEL SOL
TWO-DAY EVENT
CINCO DE MAYO FESTIVAL (Continued)

RES. NO. 15654

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request of Mission Economic and Cultural Association (MECA) to hold a two-day festival at Potrero del Sol Park on Saturday and Sunday, May 5 and May 6, 1990, for the annual "Cinco de Mayo" festival.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Commission prohibits any future use of Potrero del Sol Park in conjunction with a Cinco de Mayo festival.

12. GOLDEN GATE PARK
MULTIPLE DAY EVENTS AND APPROVAL OF BLEACHERS
FREE SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK

Consideration of request from San Francisco Shakespeare Festival to reserve the area near Liberty Tree Meadow and use of bleachers in Golden Gate Park for Free Shakespeare in the Park - 1990 on specified dates in August and September 1990.

Peter Ashe, Assistant Superintendent for the Cultural Division, explained that last year the Commission approved the erection of temporary bleachers in Liberty Meadow in conjunction with Free Shakespeare in the Park. Last year's event was a great success because the Liberty Meadow site is sheltered and there was only one incident of injury. He recommended approval of the installation of bleachers for specified dates in August and September 1990.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner McAteer, seconded by Commissioner Orr, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15655

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request from San Francisco Shakespeare Festival to reserve the area near Liberty Tree Meadow and use of bleachers in Golden Gate Park for Free Shakespeare in the Park, 1990, on specified dates in August and September 1990.

13. GOLDEN GATE PARK
BONNE BELL 5/10 KILOMETER RUN
ROAD CLOSURES

Approval of road closures in Golden Gate Park for Bonne Bell 5/10 Kilometer Run on Sunday, April 8, 1990, from 7:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.

Peter Ashe, Assistant Superintendent for the Cultural Division, explained that this item is a request for road closures in conjunction with the annual Bonne Bell run. This is the 4th largest women's race event in the United States. Vice President Eickman asked staff to provide a list outlining the Golden Gate Park road closures approved by the Commission.

Commissioner Orr noted that in reviewing the road closure memorandum it appeared that there were not an excessive amount of park road closures.

13. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
BONNE BELL 5/10 KILOMETER RUN
ROAD CLOSURES (Continued)

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Orr, seconded by Commissioner McAteer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15656

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the road closures in Golden Gate Park for Bonne Bell 5/10 Kilometer Run on Sunday, April 8, 1990, from 7:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.

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Vice President Eickman asked that the Parks and Planning Committee consider the number of Golden Gate Park road closures at a future meeting.

14. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
PERMIT REQUEST
FOOD NOT BOMBS

Denial of permit request from Food Not Bombs to hold a musical event at Page and Stanyan Streets in Golden Gate Park on Monday, May 28, 1990.

This item was removed from the Calendar

Note: Items #15 & 16 were considered together.

15. **MARINA GREEN**
PERMIT FOR TEMPORARY STORAGE

Approval of permit with Ghilotti Brothers Contractors for temporary storage of construction materials at Marina Green site.

16. **SUNSET CIRCLE**
PERMIT FOR TEMPORARY STORAGE

Approval of permit with Ghilotti Brothers Contractors for temporary storage of construction materials at Sunset Circle.

Lucinda Pope Scanlan, Park Property Management Supervisor, explained that the Finance and Administration Committee considered these items which are requests for two temporary use permits to Ghilotti Brothers Contractors, one at the Marina Green, the other at Lake Merced. The contractor is undertaking two separate construction projects: a private project for earthquake rehabilitation at the Marina area and a Department of Public Works roadway project at Lake Merced Blvd. In both cases the contractor is requesting usage of park property to store equipment and/or construction material. In exchange for use of Department property, the contractor will create five curb ramps in the Marina Green area for wheelchair accessibility.

In response to Commissioner Orr's query, Mr. Barron explained the Marina Green staging area is located near the degaussing station at the Marina Green.

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Guggenhime, seconded by Commissioner McAteer, the following resolution was adopted:

15. MARINA GREEN RES. NO. 15657
PERMIT FOR TEMPORARY STORAGE (Continued)

16. SUNSET CIRCLE
PERMIT FOR TEMPORARY STORAGE (Continued)

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves two permits with Ghilotti Brothers Contractors for temporary storage of construction equipment and materials at Marina Green site and at Sunset Circle.

17. CAMP MATHER
BID PACKAGE

Approval of bid package for operation of camp store and off-season activities at Camp Mather.

Ernie Prindle, Assistant General Manager for Finance and Property, explained that the five year agreement for operation of the Camp Mather store and the Memorial and Labor Day events at Camp Mather is due to expire. Staff has prepared a bid package for these operations and has expanded the new agreement in an attempt to solicit additional usages for Camp Mather to generate additional revenue.

At the February, 1990 Finance and Administration Committee, a lengthy discussion ensued regarding the combination bid package, whereby one could bid on the Camp Store, the two festival operations (Memorial/Labor Day), other Camp uses or all of these components. The Committee directed staff to delete the combination bid based on concerns expressed by one of the prospective bidders because it would unduly burden their ability to successfully bid on the agreement. Since this meeting, staff has modified some of the terms of the proposed bid package. Mr. Prindle outlined the revised terms:

Each bidder must bid on:
°Camp Store operation alone **or**
°Camp Store operation **plus**
°Labor Day Operation
°Memorial Day Operation
°Other Off-Season Operation
°Other Summer Operation (could be done during the 10 weeks of camp provided it does not attract additional people into the Camp)

Each of the bids will be rated as follows:
°Rent (Maximum Points 50)
°Experience/Financial Background (Maximum points 25)
°Plan of Operation (Maximum points 15)
°Improvements and Alterations (Maximum points 10)

Bid Score (Maximum Points = 100)
Preference Points (Award 10 points or ten percent of the bidder's score on the Camp Store bid to one of the bidder's other option bids). Staff was concerned that there would be a potential to underbid the Camp Store so to ensure that this would not occur, a preference score was added to the rating schedule.

17. **CAMP MATHER**
BID PACKAGE (Continued)

Mr. Prindle then outlined the concession options:

1. Operation of Camp Store
   °Retail Sales
   °Coin operated washers and dryers
   °May be permitted to sell alcoholic/non-alcoholic beverages at the lake and in dining room
2. Memorial Day Event
   °no more than 8,000 participants/day
   °maximum 3 day event
3. Labor Day Event
   °no more than 8,000 participants/day
   °maximum 3 day event
4. Other Summer Operation: Bidders are invited to propose other revenue producing projects during the summer season.
5. Other Off-Season Operations: (After Labor Day to Mid-October)
   A. 1 or 2 Large Events
      - 3 weeks must be left between events
      - No more than 6,000 participants/day
   B. Up to 4 Smaller Events
      - Maximum 2,000 participants/day
      - Maximum of 2 events per week
   C. Continuous Use (Corporate meetings, conference center or other non-event use. Maximum cabin capacity: 450
   D. Winter Use. Snow sports camp or 1 or 2 day events. Cabins are not heated and no water or sewer service is available during winter season.

President O'Connor expressed concern about allowing one or two large events during the off season. She felt that Camp Mather was a sensitive area which must be protected and the additional events could endanger the area. She also asked if staff was concerned about the Memorial and Labor Day events.

Barney Barron, Superintendent of Parks, explained that he hoped the Department would have a reputable lessee and that staff would be able to review the qualifications of the plan of operations. If the plan was unsatisfactory he could not recommend approval. He noted that experience has taught that Camp Mather can accommodate 8,000 people over a three day event. He further stated that the United States Forest Service will not permit an event at Camp Mather when there is a substantial danger of fire.

Mary E. Burns, General Manager, felt that it was important to inform the prospective bidders that staff will evaluate the bid and the plan of operations to ensure that the camp is protected.

Mr. Dan DeWayne, representing the Strawberry Festival, explained that his organization has 35 specifically designated fire enforcement staff, over 60 walkie talkies to monitor activities and that Tuolumne County also assigns a fire truck with a firefighter to the camp to supervise fire safety.

17. CAMP MATHER
BID PACKAGE (Continued)

Mr. Barron explained that in addition to the Department approving the plan of operation, Tuolumne County and the United States Forest Service, must also approve it.

Ms. Burns explained that in addition to fire safety, the Department was also concerned about a lessee having an environmentally sound plan of operation.

Commissioner Orr noted that the bid package did not contain specific language to protect environmental concerns.

Ms. Burns further stated that the agreement should clearly state that the Department will evaluate the plan of operation and if problems arise, it could be considered cause for termination of the lease.

Lucinda Pope Scanlan, Park Property Management Supervisor, reminded the Commission that the way bid package is currently formulated, the Department has the right to assess environmental impacts and modify or terminate the lease or leases.

Vice President Eickman stated that it was going to be very difficult to administer the number of potential leases by not allowing a combination bid. He further noted that the Commission will have to analyze the operators very carefully.

President O'Connor explained that concern was expressed at the Committee level that the bid package as originally proposed was unfair to one organization. She cautioned the Commission that permitting the combination bid could become a controversial issue.

Ms. Burns suggested that perhaps it would be wise to have bidders submit a plan of operation at the time the bids are submitted so that staff can evaluate them.

Commissioner Guggenhime suggested that during the first year of the lease all operators should be evaluated on an event by event basis and that in subsequent years it would be done on an annual basis unless the General Manager dictated otherwise. Evaluation would include review and approval of the plan of operation prior to the event as well as assessment after the event is over.

On recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner McAteer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15658

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the bid package for operation of Camp Mather store and off-season activities at Camp Mather with the following modifications:

°eliminate the provision which permitted 1 or 2 large events to be held during the off-season (After Labor Day to Mid-October)
°incorporate additional language to address environmental issues
°incorporate the addition of preference points
°incorporate the requirement that the plan of operation will be submitted with the bid package.

18. **CANDLESTICK PARK**
USAGE AGREEMENT
INTERNATIONAL OPERA FESTIVAL

Approval of usage agreement with the International Opera Festival for the use of Candlestick Park from July 9-18, 1990, for the production of the opera "Aida".

John Lind, Director of Stadium Operations, explained that this item was heard and approved by the Candlestick Park/Athletic Fields Committee and is a proposed lease agreement from the International Opera Festival, one of the premiere production companies in the United States. This event will take place during the baseball All Star break in July. The financial terms of the agreement include a guaranteed base rent of $275,000 (staff has provided two additional rain dates for the promoter so they have protection against potential weather problems). The promoter will reimburse the Department for all of its expenses with the exception of portable toilets in the parking lot. The Department will receive 5% of the program sales and has agreed to give up its percentage of merchandise sales in the form of a rent credit. In addition to the base rent, the Department will receive the ticket tax from the tickets. He noted that the event organizer must meet and confer with staff to develop a plan to protect the playing field.

On recommendation of the Candlestick Park/Athletic Fields Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Guggenhime, seconded by Commissioner Orr, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15659

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a usage agreement with the International Opera Festival for the use of Candlestick Park from July 9-18, 1990, for the production of the opera "Aida".

19. **SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS**
FOOD AND BEVERAGE PRICES

Approval to increase the food and beverage prices for the San Francisco Giants 1990 season.

John Lind, Director of Stadium Operations, explained that this item was heard and approved by the Candlestick Park/Athletic Fields Committee and is a request from the Giants to increase food and beverage items at Candlestick Park. The Giants lease agreement states that the Giants have the right to set the rates for food and beverage items and the Commission cannot unreasonably withhold the increase.

Commissioner Guggenhime explained that in reviewing the comparable prices to other stadiums the prices are in line. He noted that the Department receives no revenues from these items.

Commissioner McAteer pointed out that there were six items sold at the Oakland Coliseum which were higher in price and therefore she considered the price increase requests reasonable.

Vice President Eickman was of the opinion that this provision of the lease should be deleted since the Commission seems to never have the right to withhold an increase. He felt that, in effect, the Commission had a vote that meant nothing.

19. **SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS**
FOOD AND BEVERAGE PRICES (Continued)

Commissioner Ruiz felt somewhat uncomfortable with the fact that the prices must increase although he understood the logic of it. He noted that last year he raised an issue regarding affirmative action measures being taken by the concessionaire and commended them for their efforts to ensure that there is a significant minority employment within their corporation.

Mr. Lind noted that the Giants have agreed to place a permanent customer relations person in each of the concessions of the stadiums near wheelchair positions to assist handicapped people to get to the concession stands.

On recommendation of the Candlestick Park/Athletic Fields Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner McAteer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15660

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an increase to the food and beverage prices for the San Francisco Giants 1990 season as follows:

	Current	Approved
Hot Dog (8 to a pound)	$1.50	$1.75
Draft Beer (14 ounce)	$2.35	$2.75
Imported Beer (14 ounce)	$3.00	$3.25
Small Soda (14 ounce)	$1.25	$1.50
Large Soda (20 ounce)	$1.50	$1.75

20. **MARINA YACHT HARBOR**
RECONSIDERATION OF CANCELLATION OF BERTH

Reconsideration of the cancellation of Berth #653 (Steven Kellenberger) at the Marina Yacht Harbor.

This item was removed from the Calendar

20A. **1990 SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY FAIR**
MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT AND BUDGET

Consideration to approve various matters pertaining to the 1990 San Francisco County Fair.

Mary E. Burns, General Manager, explained that every year a county fair has been held which primarily featured a flower exhibit. For the past three years Ms. Burns has been trying to expand the county fair to become more relevant to the citizenry. For two years the fair was done in conjunction with the Arts Commission which helped to broaden the community interest in the fair. The Arts Commission is not interested in participating in this year's county fair. In October, 1989, staff met with Flower Show Inc., the manager of the fair, to talk about expanding the event and to include much of the Department's summer programming to make it more relevant to the City's children and families.

20A. 1990 SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY FAIR MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT AND BUDGET (Continued)

Last year, the Commission approved an agreement with Flower Show Inc., to manage the 1990 county fair. The Board of Directors of Flower Show Inc., recently informed the Department that it did not want to participate in an expanded flower show and were only interested in proceeding as they have in the past. Therefore, the Department has assumed responsibility for the 1990 County Fair Show. Fortunately, the Friends of Recreation and Parks has agreed to enter into a management agreement for this year's County Fair. The request before the Commission is to rescind the previous resolution adopted with Flower Show Inc, and to approve an agreement with Friends of Recreation and Parks to manage this year's show.

On motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner McAteer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15661

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the following items pertaining to the 1990 San Francisco County Fair:

A) Rescind Resolution #15570 adopted on 12/21/89, which approved a one (1) year management agreement with Flower Show Inc., for the 1990 County Fair

B) Approval of a one (1) year management agreement with Friends of Recreation and Parks for the 1990 County Fair.

C) Authorize staff to reallocate within the same dollar total the budget for the 1990 County Fair as approved in Resolution #15596, adopted 1/18/90.

20B. GOLDEN GATE PARK ROAD CLOSURE

Approval to close 30th Avenue entrance to Golden Gate Park, on Friday, April 27, 1990, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., in conjunction with National Arbor Day.

Jim Cooney, Assistant Superintendent of Urban Forestry, explained that in an attempt to promote the value of trees, the Department is hosting a day of education on National Arbor Day. The Department plans to exhibit items on the hard surface area near the 30th Avenue entrance to the park and it was felt that it would be wise to close the 30th Avenue road into Golden Gate Park so that people can freely view the exhibits without fear of vehicular traffic and for safety reasons.

On motion of Commissioner McAteer, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15662

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the closure of 30th Avenue into Golden Gate Park, on Friday, April 27, 1990, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., in conjunction with National Arbor Day.

21. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS

Phil Arnold, Interim Zoo Director, explained that the pacemaker item was removed from the Acceptance of Gifts item since the kangaroo had died. The Department no longer has a use for the pacemaker and he felt it better to return the gift so that it could benefit another animal. He recommended that a letter of thanks be sent to the donor.

On motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Guggenhime, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15663

RESOLVED, That this Commission accepts the following gifts valued at $8,102.40, for the Recreation and Park Department:

a. From David N. Hill, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, replacement of the Lita Vietor Memorial plaque, valued at $1,102.40.

b. From Greene, Radovsky, Maloney & Share (S. F. Lawyers Softball League), through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $2,500.00, for the maintenance of softball fields.

c. From Chevron U.S.A., through Friends of Recreation and Parks, the Tenderloin Recreation Center Disneyland trip, valued at $2,500.00.

d. From Bay Laurel Nursery, 400 assorted hybrid Rhododendron plants, valued at $5.00 each, total value $2,000.00, for Golden Gate Park.

Note: Item #21e was removed from the Calendar

e. From Pacesetter Systems, Inc., one pacemaker, Model 2020T, valued at $6,400.00, and two leads, Model 1018T, valued at $150.00, total value $6,700.00, for placement in a red kangaroo, at the San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate letters of thanks be sent to the donors.

22. PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission. Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President or the Commission may limit the total testimony to 30 minutes.

No Public Comment was received

23. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President O'Connor reported:
°Commissioner Ruiz has agreed to serve on the committee in conjunction with the Mayor's Office of Children, Youth and Their Families
°She was recently interviewed on Viewpoint, Cable 6
°Discussed revision of the Committee assignments and the number of committees. After much discussion the new Committees are as follows, effective 3/19/90:

Joint Zoo Committee
Commissioner Keith Eickman, Chair
Commissioner Trent Orr
Commissioner Connie O'Connor
(1st Tuesday, 4:00 p.m., at the Zoo)

Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee
Commissioner Richard J. Guggenhime, Chair
Commissioner Connie O'Connor
Commissioner Keith Eickman
(First Thursday, 4:00 p.m.)

Parks and Planning Committee
Commissioner Trent Orr, Chair
Commissioner Richard J. Guggenhime
Commissioner Keith Eickman
(First Thursday, 9:00 a.m.)

Recreation Program and Mather Committee
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz, Chair
Commissioner Frances McAteer
Commissioner Tommy Harris
(4th Wednesday, 3:30 p.m.)

Candlestick Park and Golf Committee
Commissioner Tommy Harris, Chair
Commissioner Connie O'Connor
Commissioner Richard J. Guggenhime
(Call of the Chair)

Golden Gate Park Committee
Commissioner Frances McAteer, Chair
Commissioner Tommy Harris
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz
(Call of the Chair)

24. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following Committee reports were submitted for the record:

Joint Zoo Committee Meeting of February 13, 1989
Parks and Planning Committee Meeting of March 1, 1990
Finance and Administration Committee Meeting of March 1, 1990
Candlestick Park/Athletic Fields Committee Meeting of March 14, 1990

25. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Guggenhime, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Tula Christopher, the wife of former Mayor George Christopher.

On motion of Commissioner McAteer, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Roy Hudson, former Assistant Superintendent for Golden Gate Park.

On motion of Commissioner McAteer, the meeting was adjourned with best wishes to former Recreation and Park Commissioner Eugene Friend and his wife Elly, on their 50th wedding anniversary.

On motion of President O'Connor, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Jane McKaskle Murphy, former member of the Police Commission, former member of the Board of Supervisors, and a very active member of the Democratic State Central Committee.

There being no further business, the 645th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

Note: These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Recreation and Park Commission on matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological order in which the matters were taken up.

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RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

646TH REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 1990 - 2:00 P.M.

The Six Hundred and Forty-Sixth Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, April 19, 1990, at 2:00 p.m. by President Connie O'Connor.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Present:
Commissioner Connie O'Connor, President
Commissioner Keith Eickman, Vice President
Commissioner Richard J. Guggenhime
Commissioner Tommy Harris
Commissioner Frances McAteer
Commissioner Trent Orr
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Commissioner Orr, seconded by Commissioner McAteer, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 15, 1990 were approved as corrected.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Mary E. Burns, submitted the following report:

"RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT BROCHURE

You have received the new Recreation and Park Department brochure and I know you join me in congratulating Diane Palacio, Public Information Officer, and her staff in producing such a spectacular product. A lot of hard work went into this brochure, but with all the positive comments I have heard, it was well worth the effort. Thank you Diane for doing such a wonderful job.

ARLENE REZENTES VS. CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

Through the outstanding work done by Michael Killelea, Deputy City Attorney, a verdict in favor of the Recreation and Park Department was rendered in the above-mentioned matter. This case related to an ankle injury sustained by plaintiff while trying out for a softball league at Alice Chalmers Playground. Plaintiff filed a claim against the City in the amount of $250,000. The City Attorney strongly recommended a settlement of $10,000, but at the urging of the Department, defended us in court and won a defense judgment. I would like to suggest that Mr. Killelea receive a letter of thanks from the Commission.

The Commission directed the Commission Secretary to send Mr. Killelea a letter of thanks.

CHARITABLE SOLICITORS

You may have seen in the papers recently that the City has lost its appeal to limit the activities of charitable solicitors. The City Attorney's Office has advised that the decision will be appealed, either to the Appeals Court asking the court to rehear the matter "en banc," or directly to the U.S. Supreme Court. Until the appeal has been decided the City cannot limit the charitable solicitors sites or activities.

CIVIC CENTER PLAZA REHABILITATION

Rehabilitation of Civic Center Plaza got underway Monday, April 16. Portions of the Plaza will be fenced in stages so that the contractor can do the work efficiently. Logistics of the construction project were arranged through the Mayor's Homeless Office coordinator and announcements were posted in the Plaza prior to the start of construction. To date all has gone well and the project is proceeding on schedule. The 40-day construction period will be over before San Francisco hosts the International AIDS Conference at the end of June.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT** (Continued)

YEAR-END BUDGET REVIEW

The Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors is in the process of holding year-end budget reviews. Yesterday the Department appeared before the Committee to discuss its Latchkey and After School Programs. Next week the Committee will meet again at which time all other issues relating to the Department will be discussed. The topics the Committee wants addressed are: 1) Will there be a projected surplus or deficit in expenditures and revenues; 2) If the Department needs to make cuts next year, where will those cuts be made; 3) all new positions approved in the current year's budget; and 4) grants and subventions that the Department received in Fiscal Year 1989-90. We are preparing a written response for this meeting, copies of which will be given to you when completed.

FISCAL YEAR 1990-91 BUDGET DEFICIT

Attached for your review is the Joint Report by the Controller, Mayor and the Budget Analyst detailing the projected deficit for Fiscal Year 1990-91. While this is significantly below the deficits for the last two years, still the Mayor's budget that is submitted to the Board of Supervisors must resolve this deficit. The Mayor is not asking departments to submit specific reductions to address the deficit, but will address the deficit through review of each department's budget. We are just starting discussions with the Mayor's Office regarding funding for the department for next year. You will be informed as more information is available.

COIT TOWER CLOSED

Coit Tower is closed the week of April 16 in order to replace the electrical system. Included in the improvements will be a new emergency power generator which will operate the elevator in the event of a power outage. This has been a major concern over the last several years and will contribute to the safety of staff as well as visitors.

HARDING PARK IRRIGATION

The Harding Park/Fleming Golf complex has used irrigation water pumped directly from Lake Merced for many years. During the continuing drought there has been concern both about the impact of pumping on the Lake and the Lake's very continuance as a source of irrigation water. While it has now been determined that the total draw for our irrigation use is minimal (actually less than is lost from the Lake surface by evaporation), the Lake is so low that sand and silt suction has terminated the existing pumping operations. Although several long-term alternatives are being evaluated, the Department concurs with Water Department staff that a City water service connection for Harding Park should be implemented immediately. In the interim, a floating pump has been installed and is in operation.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

6TH AND FOLSOM DEDICATION

The playground and recreation center at 6th and Folsom has been completed and is in operation. Formal dedication of this facility will be held on May 1st at 11:00 a.m. with Mayor Agnos doing the ribbon cutting honors. You are invited to attend the dedication of this long-awaited facility.

BUENA VISTA DEDICATION

Playground rehabilitation and redesign of the grassy summit at Buena Vista Park have been completed. The playground, now on one level, is a popular gathering spot for the many child-care providers in the neighborhood. The grassy summit which replaces the previous parking area provides expansive views from the top of Buena Vista Park. The community and the Department invite you to attend the playground dedication scheduled for May 1, 3:30 p.m.

CAMP MATHER - FIRST WEEK RESERVATIONS

The first week of sign-ups this year for Camp Mather are up significantly. Figures already show an increase of 36 percent over first week sign-ups for last year. Resident reservations have also increased, along with early season deposits. We anticipate reaching full occupancy of the Camp much earlier this year.

LANDSCAPE GARDEN SHOW

The Friends of Recreation and Parks will hold their annual San Francisco Landscape Garden Show, "A Celebration of Gardens," beginning Wednesday, April 25 through Sunday, April 29. Featured this year will be 30 gardens created by professional gardeners, sale of plants, books and garden-related products. The show has expanded so greatly that this year it will be located at two piers at Fort Mason. Proceeds from this show will go toward the renovation of the Shakespeare Garden. I encourage all of you to attend this very popular show.

CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT COLLECTION AT STRYBING ARBORETUM

The California native plant collection at Strybing Arboretum is in full bloom right now. The wildflower meadow is especially spectacular with a riot of color. If you have time I think it is well worth a visit.

ORCHIDS OF THE CONSERVATORY

I would like to call your attention to an article that appears in the April 1990 edition of the American Orchid Society Bulletin written by Recreation and Park employee, George Marcopulos, who is a nursery specialist at the Conservatory. His article points out the need for orchid preservation and that it is incumbent on botanical gardens to preserve orchid species. He notes that after 110 years of orchid growing, the Conservatory, since 1980, has been addressing the preservation, conservation and dissemination of certain orchids. I know this Commission joins me in commending George on his fine work and urges him to continue in his efforts at the Conservatory.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

SOVIET NEWS SHOW FEATURES JAPANESE TEA GARDEN

Recreation and Park Department's Public Information Officer, Sybil Boutilier, arranged a television segment for Soviet Network Television's prime time news show "Time" which is similar to Peter Jennings' "World News Tonight." The show featured the Japanese Tea Garden and included interviews with Jim Rogers, Assistant Superintendent of Golden Gate Park, and Ed Schuster, Park Section Supervisor. On April 9th the program was beamed by satellite to over 100 million Russian citizens. It was a 4-minute special focusing on how the private and public sector working together can improve and enhance public parks.

GENERAL MANAGER TO ATTEND CONFERENCE

I will be attending the Urban Park and Recreation Alliance (UPRA) Annual Spring Conference in Dallas, Texas from April 25 - April 29. UPRA is an informal association of the 44 largest urban park and recreation districts in the United States. It meets twice a year, once in conjunction with the annual meeting of the National Park and Recreation Society, and once in the spring, each year in a different city. During my absence, Ernie Prindle will be Acting General Manager.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, April 20, 1990	Cherry Blossom Lunch - Sigmund Stern Grove
Saturday, April 21, 1990	Earth Day Celebration, Golden Gate Park and San Francisco Zoo
Wednesday, April 25, 1990	Recreation Program and Mather Committee, 3:30 p.m., Alice Chalmers
Wednesday, May 2, 1990	Joint Zoo Committee, 4:00 p.m., San Francisco Zoo
Thursday, May 3, 1990	Parks and Planning Committee, 9:00 a.m., McLaren Lodge
Thursday, May 3, 1990	Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee, 4:00 p.m., McLaren Lodge
Thursday, May 10, 1990	Joint Meeting with City Planning Commission, 1:30 p.m., Room 282, City Hall"

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

In response to Commissioner McAteer's question regarding the Children's Playground improvements (Item 4h), General Manager Mary E. Burns explained that this modification will remove the Children's Playground animal barn and replace it with a stage and picnic area.

In response to Commissioner McAteer's question regarding the Golden Gate Horse Carriage lease (Item 4n) Ms. Burns explained that it was staff's intent to incorporate a horse carriage operation as one of the components to the Golden Gate Park Stables lease which expires in 1992.

In response to Commissioner Orr's query regarding the Park Accessibility and Feasibility Study (Item 4d), Ms. Burns explained that this item is a Federal regulation which requires the City to have a plan for handicap accessibility in place which, to date, has not been completed. Therefore, money has been appropriated, through the Open Space Program, to hire a consultant to review Recreation and Park facilities for handicap accessibility.

In response to Commissioner Orr's question regarding the status of the Golden Gate Park Bandshell (Item 4o), Ms. Burns explained that this item will set aside funding for an engineering study to ascertain the damage sustained to the bandshell as a result of the 10/17/89 earthquake and to analyze whether it can be saved or if it must be completely replaced.

On motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Harris, ratification of the following resolutions, which are processed under Resolution No. 13572:

a. **Personnel Matters** **RES. NO. 15664**

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period March 2, 1990 through April 4, 1990.

b. **SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS UNDER $500.00** **RES. NO. 15665**

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following unlitigated settlement of claims under $500.00:

David Ayers.....$200.00
Dales A. Lonergan.....$384.56
Jessie Tealer.....$ 59.65
Dorothy Terry.....$ 58.00

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

c. **SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS** — **RES. NO. 15666**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the proposed settlements of the following litigated claims:

Tsui-Hua Chen.....$720.74
Paul Gambon.....$1,623.05

d. **PARK ACCESSIBILITY AND FEASIBILITY STUDY MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT** — **RES. NO. 15667**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the modification of contract with Moore Iacofano Goltsman in the amount of $40,265 for the development of the Park Accessibility and Feasibility Study as required under Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act.

e. **CIVIC CENTER PLAZA AWARD OF CONTRACT** — **RES. NO. 15668**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the award of contract in the amount of $556,645, to Golden Baye Construction, Inc., for the rehabilitation of Civic Center Plaza.

f. **MARINA SMALL CRAFT HARBOR MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT** — **RES. NO. 15669**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the modification of contract in the amount of $25,453, to Western Dock Enterprises, for the repair of berths and fuel dock repairs at the Marina Small Craft Harbor.

g. **BUENA VISTA PLAYGROUND CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY** — **RES. NO. 15670**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves increasing construction contingency in the amount of $32,104 to Cuevas Mannion Construction, Inc. through transfer of $17,104 from "unassigned" into "project contingency", and approval of augmenting the project budget with $25,000 from the 1987 Park bond funds allocated for Buena Vista Park.

h. **GOLDEN GATE PARK CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT** — **RES. NO. 15671**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the contract modification to increase construction contingency in the amount of $50,000 to Cuevas Mannion Construction, Inc for additional improvements at the Golden Gate Park Children's Playground.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

i. **GOLDEN GATE PARK** — RES. NO. 15672
1990 EXAMINER BAY TO BREAKERS
ROAD CLOSURES AND PERMIT FEE

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the road closures in Golden Gate Park on Sunday, May 20, 1990 from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon for the 1990 Examiner Bay to Breakers and the permit fee.

j. **GOLDEN GATE PARK/ROAD CLOSURES** — RES. NO. 15673
JOHN F. KENNEDY DRIVE

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request from the Golden Gate Park Skate Patrol to extend the time John F. Kennedy Drive is closed to traffic (from Kezar Drive to Transverse Drive) in Golden Gate Park on Sundays, Monday holidays from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. during Daylight Savings Time.

k. **GOLDEN GATE PARK / MUSIC CONCOURSE** — RES. NO. 15674
ROAD CLOSURES / MULTIPLE DAY EVENTS
YOUTH ARTS FESTIVAL

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request to hold the Youth Arts Festival from Wednesday, May 15 through Saturday, May 19, 1990 and road closures at Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive and Museum Drive from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. on Saturday, May 19, 1990 for a Children's Parade.

l. **GLEN PARK** — RES. NO. 15675
MULTIPLE DAY EVENT
PICKLE FAMILY CIRCUS

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request from Parent Participation Nursery School, Inc. for a three day event from Friday, May 26 through Monday, May 28, 1990 (Memorial Day Weekend) at Glen Park to sponsor the performance by the Pickle Family Circus.

m. **LANGUAGE DIVERSITY POLICY** — RES. NO. 15676

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Language Diversity Policy.

n. **GOLDEN GATE HORSE CARRIAGE LEASE** — RES. NO. 15677
TERMINATION OF LEASE

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Approval for early termination of Horse Carriage lease due to abandonment by tenant.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

o. **FURHMAN BEQUEST** RES. NO. 15678
APPROPRIATIONS

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the following appropriations from the Furhman Bequest:

°Bandshell Repairs - Design and Engineering Study $16,000
°Pioneer Log Cabin Renovation - $318,000

p. **GOLDEN GATE PARK** RES. NO. 15679
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION
NORTH LAKE RESTORATION

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the supplemental appropriation in the amount of $315,000 to reallocate unexpended open space/capital project balances for restoration of North Lake in Golden Gate Park.

q. **CHILDREN AND YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL** RES. NO. 15680
RATIFICATION OF MEMBERS

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the suggested names for newly created Advisory Council on Children and Youth programs.

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

Zoo Director David Anderson, explained the animal transactions: the monkey was sold to the Little Rock Zoo; the Grant's zebra, owl monkeys, capybara, persian leopard, llamas, Reeve's muntjac and the kangaroos were all born at the Zoo and are considered surplus to the Zoo's population.

On motion of Commissioner McAteer, seconded by Commissioner Orr, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15681

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transactions (which were processed under Resolution No. 13572) for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens:

SOLD TO: Little Rock Zoo
#1 Jonesboro Drive
Little Rock, Arkansas 77205
USDA# 71-C-1

°One (1) female colobus monkey, valued at $700.00. Payment to be made to the Animal Purchase Account.

5. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS — RES. NO. 15681
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS (Continued) — (Continued)

SOLD TO: Cleveland Metro Parks Zoo
3900 Brookside Drive
Cleveland, Ohio 44109
USDA# OH-C-17

°One (1) female Grant's zebra, valued at $2500.00. Payment to be made to the Animal Purchase Account.

SOLD TO: New York Zoological Park
180 5th Street and Southern Blvd.
Bronx, New York, 10460
USDA# 21-BW

°Two (2) female owl monkeys, valued at $200.00 each, total purchase price of $400.00. Payment to be made to the Animal Purchase Account.

SOLD TO: El Paso Zoo
4001 East Paisano Street
El Paso, Texas 79905
USDA# 74-LE-52

°Two female capybara valued at $100.00 each, total purchase price of $200.00. Payment to be made to the Animal Purchase Account.

SOLD TO: Lincoln Park Zoo
2200 North Canyon DRive
Chicago, Illinois 60614
USDA# 33-C-4

°One (1) male persian leopard valued at $500.00. Payment to be made to the Animal Purchase Account.

SOLD TO: Cheyenne Mountain Zoo
4250 Cheyenne Mountain Zoo
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80906
USDA# 84-C1

°One male llama valued at $100.00. Payment to be made to the Animal Purchase Account.

SOLD TO: Northland Wildlife
2601 E. Highway 169
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
USDA# 41-B-101

°Six (6) male grey kangaroos, valued at $500.00 each
°Two (2) male and two (2) female Reeve's muntjac, valued at $500.00 a pair
°One (1) male llama valued at $100.00
Total purchase price of $4,100.00
Payment to be made to the Animal Purchase Account.

6. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS
ADMISSION FEES

Approval to increase the San Francisco Zoological Gardens admission fees, effective September 1, 1990.

Zoo Director David Anderson, enumerated the fee increase proposal and explained that the Zoo's current annual budget is $5 million. Admission fees account for 40% of the annual operating costs. He further explained that during the past year the Zoo was closely reviewed by Cal-OSHA, the Zoo Advisory Committee (appointed by the Board of Supervisors) and the Joint Zoo Committee of the Recreation and Park Commission. These reviews identified several deficiencies at the Zoo. In many cases, correcting these deficiencies will require increases for the budget of the Zoo.

Mr. Anderson explained that he has requested additional funding for the Zoo for fiscal year 1990-91 which total over $900,000 and that this additional funding is a minimum request for the efficient operation of the Zoo and the health and well-being of the employees and animals at the Zoo. With the City's projected deficit of $23 Million, funding cannot be anticipated from the City's General Fund.

The admission increases would raise the adult admission to the upper third of Zoo facilities surveyed and the admission for children would be as low or lower than admissions charged by all but two of the surveyed facilities.

Mr. Anderson stated that he preferred not to raise admission fees at this time but felt the improvements are absolutely necessary since no additional funding will be allocated through the City's General Fund. He pointed out the number of free admissions to the Zoo and the programs that already exist for children at the Zoo.

Dr. Ronald Cole, representing the San Francisco Second District of the P.T.A. and the San Francisco Parent's Lobby, opposed the proposed raise in admission fees at the Zoo. He felt that charging a fee to those who cannot afford it was a form of discrimination toward the poor, disadvantaged and those on a limited income. He stated that the Zoo deserved more financial support from the City. He was opposed to the increase if it was used for additional staff and that funding should be sought from the private sector and/or foundations.

Eva Maas, representing Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth, explained that the Coleman Board voted on 4/16/90 to oppose the fee increase at the Zoo. She stated it was ironic to raise admission fees at the Zoo at the very time the country is celebrating Earth Awareness Day and trying to develop greater sensitivity to animal and plant life. She explained that raising children's admission fees is discouraging, especially for children of low income families because they do not have access to the cultural and recreational facilities of San Francisco. She felt the increase would have a discouraging effect on the Zoo and urged that the proposal be rejected.

6. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS
ADMISSION FEES (Continued)

Sandra Keller, representing Citizens for a Better Zoo, spoke in opposition to the admission fee increase. She felt that the increase would be very difficult for those on fixed and/or low income and noted that the free day is not on the weekend and therefore it precludes families from attending. If the admission fee charges were approved she urged the Commission to consider making the first hour of the Zoo free on weekends so families can attend. She noted that the Zoo works hand in hand with the Zoological Society to raise money for the Zoo and that the relationship should be used more. She stated that the Oakland Zoo is changing and could be competition for the San Francisco Zoo.

Vice President Eickman stated that he was very familiar with the issues facing the Zoo since he was a member of the Zoo Advisory Committee. He noted that the City has not given the Zoo sufficient monies from the General Fund for many years and that there is no promise of additional funding for the upcoming fiscal year. He explained that additional staff is needed to provide animal care. Most of the improvements made at the Zoo were done by the Federal Government (Musk Ox Field and Gorilla Grotto) and the Primate Center was constructed by the Zoological Society. He felt that if the fee was not approved perhaps the Commission should consider getting rid of the Zoo.

Commissioner McAteer asked how the increase in membership dues to the Zoological Society would be used. **Margaret Burks, representing the Zoological Society**, explained that the increase would primarily be used to support educational services and to underwrite the operation of the Children's Zoo.

Mr. Anderson underlined the point that the Zoo is in a very serious condition and that this increase represents the bare necessity to continue operating the Zoo. He explained that he is sensitive to those who cannot afford to go to the Zoo and will try to develop ways so that those on low income can visit the Zoo.

Commissioner Harris stated that even though he hates to see prices increase, the Zoo Director made it very clear that this request is vital. He further explained that this increase will cover only a small portion of many needed improvements at the Zoo.

Commissioner Ruiz stated that he could understand the need for additional fund for the Zoo but hated to see those individuals who are on fixed income, specifically senior citizens and children, be precluded from visiting the Zoo. He felt that this increase would give them a negative message. He stated that the City has neglected its responsibility to the Zoo and that the City officials need to determine the priorities; if they are not willing to set aside funding, then perhaps the Commission should consider closing the Zoo. He explained that our elected officials bear a responsibility.

Commissioner Guggenhime stated that the City must balance the priorities of children with other needs. He stated that the proposed fees for children are lower than than most other zoos surveyed. For better or worse, he felt the fee request should be approved.

6. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**
ADMISSION FEES (Continued)

Commissioner Orr stated that he sympathized with the thoughts expressed by Commissioner Ruiz but felt the Zoo was in a desperate situation. He suggested that the fee increase be effective 7/1/90 so that the Department could generate money as soon as possible. At the same time, he hoped that creative ways would be developed whereby people are given an opportunity to go to the Zoo free. He stated that the problem the Department faces is an immediate one and that additional money is needed now in order to get the Zoo back on track.

On recommendation of the Joint Zoo Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Orr, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15682

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an increase to the San Francisco Zoological Gardens admission fees, effective July 1, 1990 and for school groups effective September 1, 1990:

	Current	Approved
Adult	$5.00	$6.00
Youth (12-16)	$2.00	$3.00
Child (5-12)	Free	$1.00
Senior	$2.00	$3.00
Group Rate (child)	Free	$ .50

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Eickman, Guggenhime, Harris, McAteer, O'Connor, Orr
Noes: Commissioner Ruiz

7. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
PERMIT REQUEST
FOOD NOT BOMBS

Denial of permit request from Food Not Bombs to hold a musical event at Page and Stanyan Streets in Golden Gate Park on Monday, May 28, 1990.

Peter Ashe, Assistant Superintendent for the Cultural Division, explained he had spoken to Mr. Keith McHenry, representing Food Not Bombs, who had withdrawn his appeal for this permit request. Mr. McHenry has elected to seek a permit for the bandshell area of Golden Gate Park for this event. Therefore, this item was removed from the calendar.

8. **CIVIC CENTER PLAZA / MULTIPLE DAY EVENTS**
EMPEROR NORTON DAYS EVENT

Approval of request from the San Francisco Police Department Juvenile Division for the use of Civic Center Plaza for the second annual Emperor Norton Days from Thursday, July 12, 1990 through Sunday, July 15, 1990 at specified times.

Peter Ashe, Assistant Superintendent for the Cultural Division, explained this item is a request for a multiple day event to be held at Civic Center. There was concern expressed about the prohibition of any mechanical rides on park property since this rule was violated last year by the permittee. He assured the Commission that there would be diligent supervision by staff during set up of this event to make sure that no mechanical rides are placed on park property. This event raises money for the Police Athletic League.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Guggenhime, seconded by Commissioner Harris, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15683

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request from the San Francisco Police Department Juvenile Division for the use of Civic Center Plaza for the second annual Emperor Norton Days from Thursday, July 12, 1990 through Sunday, July 15, 1990 at specified times, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Commission reinforces to the permittee the rule which prohibits mechanical rides on park property.

9. **24TH AND YORK STREETS MINI PARK**
RENOVATION PLANS

Approval of renovation plans for the 24th and York Streets Mini Park.

Ron deLeon, Assistant Superintendent for Neighborhood Parks, explained that this item is a request from residents and merchants in the Mission District to make improvements to the 24th Street Mini-Park. Improvements include: fencing the entrance to the park, modifying security lighting, and installation of a picnic table. Renovation plans will provide a secure play area for the children and will hopefully curtail substance abuse activity now occurring in the back of the park. Commander Brush of the San Francisco Police Department has agreed to have his staff secure the park facility at night. This project will be funded by the Mayor's Office of Community Development.

Commissioner Ruiz explained that currently much drinking is done at this park so that park users do not visit the park.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner McAteer, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15684

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the renovation plans for the 24th and York Streets Mini Park.

10. **CIVIC CENTER PLAZA / MULTIPLE DAY EVENTS**
SAN FRANCISCO FAIR - 1990

Approval of request from the San Francisco Fair to reserve Civic Center Plaza for the 1990 San Francisco Fair from Thursday, August 30, 1990 through Tuesday, September 4, 1990 at specified times.

Peter Ashe, Assistant Superintendent for the Cultural Division, explained that when this matter was heard at the Committee level it was revealed that the permittee owes the Department a fee from last year's event. Staff has met with the permittee and resolved this matter. This event will be the third annual San Francisco Fair and the event coordinator has always followed the guidelines of the Permit and Reservation Policy. Mr. Ashe urged approval.

Commissioner Guggenhime reminded the permittee that mechanical rides are not allowed on park property.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Orr, seconded by Commissioner McAteer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15685

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request from the San Francisco Fair to reserve Civic Center Plaza for the 1990 San Francisco Fair from Thursday, August 30, 1990 through Tuesday, September 4, 1990 at specified times.

11. **HARDING-FLEMING, LINCOLN-SHARP & GOLDEN GATE PARK GOLF COURSES**
GOLF LESSON FEES

Approval to increase fees for golf lessons at Harding, Fleming, Lincoln and Golden Gate Park Golf Courses, effective 5/1/90:

Robert Killian, Golf Director, explained that this item is a request from the lessee to increase golf lesson fees. Staff surveyed golf lesson fees at other Bay Area facilities and found the fee request to be comparable.

Commissioner McAteer noted that at one of the private golf clubs the assistant pro receives $20.00 for a golf lesson and the proposal rate of $25.00 for an assistant pro was too high.

On recommendation of the Candlestick Park and Golf Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Guggenhime, seconded by Commissioner Orr, the following resolution was adopted:

11. **HARDING-FLEMING, LINCOLN-SHARP & GOLDEN GATE PARK GOLF COURSES GOLF LESSON FEES (Continued)**

RES. NO. 15686

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an increase to fees for golf lessons at Harding, Fleming, Lincoln and Golden Gate Park Golf Courses, effective 5/1/90:

°HARDING-FLEMING & LINCOLN-SHARP GOLF COURSES

	CURRENT	APPROVED
One half-hour lesson	$ 20	$ 25 assistant $ 30 head pro
6 half-hour lessons	$100	$125 assistant $150 head pro
Group lessons: (6 one-hour sessions)		
6-10 people		$ 90
10-20 people (2 instructors)		$ 75
20 or more (2-3 instructors)		$ 60

° GOLDEN GATE GOLF COURSE

one half-hour lesson	$ 20
one hour lesson	$ 40

12. **HARDING, LINCOLN, AND GOLDEN GATE GOLF COURSES FOOD AND BEVERAGE PRICES**

Approval of various food and beverage price increases, effective 5/1/90:

° Harding Park Golf Course
° Lincoln and Golden Gate Park Golf Courses

Note: This item was removed from the Calendar.

13. **HARDING, LINCOLN, SHARP, FLEMING & GOLDEN GATE PARK GOLF COURSES GOLF CART FEE INCREASE**

Approval of fee increase for golf cart rentals at Harding, Lincoln, Sharp, Fleming and Golden Gate Park Golf Courses, effective 5/1/90.

Golf Director, Robert Killian, explained that this item is a request to increase the golf cart fees at the Department's golf courses. Staff surveyed the other Bay Area golf courses and found the proposed increase to be in line. Only 6 of the 16 courses surveyed charged the current rate of $16.00.

Commissioner Guggenhime asked if this increase included the mandatory requirement that carts be used on weekend tournaments.

13. HARDING, LINCOLN, SHARP, FLEMING & GOLDEN GATE PARK GOLF COURSES GOLF CART FEE INCREASE (Continued)

Mr. Killian explained that the mandatory golf cart requirement for weekend tournaments would speed up play and is a common practice at most golf courses. Although he had sympathy to those who want to walk the course, he noted that clubs are given a discount for use of the golf course.

Bill Kaktis, representing the Lincoln Park Golf Club, spoke in opposition to the mandatory golf cart proposal. His club has 90 members who are traditionalists. If their right to walk on the course on the weekends is abridged they may leave the club.

General Manager Mary E. Burns, explained that tournament play, particularly on weekends, precludes the general public from using the golf courses and one of the primary reasons for the golf carts is to speed the play.

President O'Connor noted that she receives many complaints from people who try to get a starting time on the weekends and cannot get a time because of the number of tournaments.

Jack Kincanon, representing Harding Golf Club, spoke in opposition to the proposal to have a mandatory golf cart requirement on the weekend. His club opposed this item because he felt the players themselves should have the option to walk or use the cart. He also asked if this requirement would apply to juniors and to those who play in the City tournament.

Commissioner O'Connor noted that most of the private courses make carts mandatory on weekends to speed up play and that 70% of the new golfers are women who do not belong to a men's clubs. She noted that one has the option during the week to walk the course.

Joan Lantz, representing the Sharp Park Golf Course, explained that the clubs take 6 to 6-1/2 hours to play her course.

Jeremy Duda, representing Silband, explained that juniors are not allowed to rent golf carts.

Mr. Killian explained that juniors and sanctioned tournaments should be exempt from the mandatory golf cart rule.

In response to Commissioner Eickman's question regarding the advantage of having the Lincoln/Harding Golf Club, Mr. Killian explained that these clubs have been supportive of the golf courses and have provided amenities such as distance markers, benches, etc.

On recommendation of the Candlestick Park and Golf Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Guggenhime, seconded by Commissioner Eickman, the following resolution was adopted:

13. **HARDING, LINCOLN, SHARP, FLEMING & GOLDEN GATE PARK GOLF COURSES**
GOLF CART FEE INCREASE (Continued) **RES. NO. 15687**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the fee increase for golf cart rentals at Harding, Lincoln, Sharp, Fleming and Golden Gate Park Golf Courses, effective 5/1/90:

°HARDING, LINCOLN, SHARP & FLEMING GOLF COURSES

	CURRENT		APPROVED	
	Weekends Weekdays	Holidays	Weekdays	Weekends & Holidays
MOTORIZED CARTS:				
18 Holes	$16	$16	$18	$18
9 Holes	$ 9	$ 9	$10	$10
Senior - 18 Holes	$14	$16	$16	$18
Senior - 9 Holes	$ 8	$ 9	$ 9	$10
All Tournaments	$16	$16	$18	$18

Golf carts will be required for all tournaments at Harding, Lincoln, and Sharp Park Golf Courses with some exceptions: juniors, City Golf Tournament, Public Links, etc.* The sanctioned Harding, Lincoln, and Sharp Park Ladies' Clubs and the Harding Park Seniors' Mens Club will be exempt from mandatory carts for their weekday events.

*Mr. Killian will provide a list of the exempt groups.

°GOLDEN GATE GOLF COURSE	CURRENT	APPROVED
motorized carts	$7.00	$8.00
pull carts	$2.50	$3.50

These figures are for weekdays, weekends and holidays.

14. **GOLDEN GATE PARK GOLF COURSE**
GOLF CLUB RENTAL FEE INCREASE

Approval of rental fee increase for golf clubs at Golden Gate Park Golf Course, effective 5/1/90.

Golf Director, Robert Killian, explained that the lessee at Golden Gate Park Golf Course has asked for an increase for golf club rentals. He felt that the increase was satisfactory when one compares the cost of green fees at this course since they are quite low.

On recommendation of the Candlestick Park and Golf Committee, and on motion of Commissioner McAteer, seconded by Commissioner Eickman, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15688

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the rental fee increase for golf clubs at Golden Gate Park Golf Course, effective 5/1/90, as follows:

	CURRENT	APPROVED
Golf Clubs	$5.00	$6.00

15. **HARDING PARK GOLF COURSE**
GOLF DRIVING RANGE FEE INCREASE

Approval of driving range fee increase at Harding Park Golf Course. as of 5/1/90.

Golf Director, Robert Killian, explained that staff did a survey of courses which have a driving range. The proposed increase will place this driving range at a slightly higher level but Harding Park is the only driving range open to the public in San Francisco and offers only 15 stalls. Therefore, he felt the request was justified.

Commissioner McAteer felt the fees were too high and thought that perhaps less golf balls should be offered and the price be lowered.

Jeremy Duda, representing Silband, explained that Harding Park is different than most driving ranges because it borders on the first hole of Harding Park and the ninth hole of Fleming Park. Approximately 2,000 balls per month are lost when patrons hit the balls into the fairways and part of the increase will be used to make up for those lost balls.

Commissioner Guggenhime noted that there are only 15 stalls at Harding Park.

On recommendation of the Candlestick Park and Golf Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Guggenhime, seconded by Commissioner Orr, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15689

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the driving range fee increase at Harding Park Golf Course, effective of 5/1/90, as follows:

	CURRENT	APPROVED
small bucket (25 balls)	$2.00	$2.50
medium bucket (40 balls)	$3.00	$4.00
large bucket (75 balls)	$4.00	$5.00

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Eickman, Guggenhime, Harris, O'Connor, Orr, Ruiz
Noes: Commissioner McAteer

16. **SOUTH END ROWING CLUB FEES**
ASSESSMENT FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Approval to have the South End Rowing Club assess its members a $100.00 fee for capital improvements to the club.

Ernie Prindle, Assistant General Manager for Finance and Property, explained that this item is a request from the South End Rowing Club to assess its members a one-time $100.00 fee for capital improvements to the club.

16. **SOUTH END ROWING CLUB FEES**
ASSESSMENT FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS (Continued)

Diddo Clark, explained her belief that the clubhouse is a sturdy wooden building which has been at its current site since 1927. She felt it had not been damaged in the 10/17/89 earthquake and there was no urgency to construct a foundation for the building. She stated that the lease requires the South End Club to obtain approval from the Recreation and Park Commission before they make this assessment of its members and that the Club has collected over $30,000. She asked the Commission to intercede on this issue.

Vice President Eickman noted that the assessment should not be collected until the Commission had granted authorization. He asked if a membership meeting was held on this issue.

Mike Berline, representing the South End Rowing Club, explained the issue was discussed at their general membership meeting and that it is a voluntary contribution. Members are not obligated to pay.

Commissioner Orr clarified the point that the Commission should not consider this matter since it is a voluntary request at this time. Therefore, the item was removed from the calendar.

17. **GOLDEN GATE PARK NURSERY**
POLICY ON PLANT DISTRIBUTION

Approval of cost recovery policy for nursery services to other City departments.

Ernie Prindle, Assistant General Manager for Finance and Property, explained that this item was considered by the Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee and is a request to establish a policy for rental and/or use of the Department's plant material. Currently, the Department has given a number of plant rentals to other City Departments. Staff is requesting that a work order system be established whereby this Department could charge other Departments for use of plant material. Staff also hopes to establish a plan whereby the public could rent plant material. The City Attorney and staff are reviewing the issue of rental of plant material to non-profit organizations. This matter is unresolved.

Commissioner McAteer asked about delivery of plant material.

Mr. Prindle explained there would be charge for delivery and a lower fee if the plant material was picked up.

Commissioner Ruiz asked if there was a way to restrict or limit the plant material usages by a non-profit organization. Mr. Prindle explained that staff is consulting with the City Attorney on this matter.

On recommendation of the Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Harris, seconded by Commissioner Orr, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15690

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a cost recovery policy for nursery

18. **CAMP MATHER SADDLE HORSE BID**
AWARD OF MATHER SADDLE HORSE BID

Approval of the award of contract for the Camp Mather saddle horse concession.

Ernie Prindle, Assistant General Manager for Finance and Property, explained that this matter was considered by the Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee, where the Committee ratified the equal bid scores of Jay Barnes and Pat and Gail Martin and asked staff to negotiate with the bidders. Staff met with both bidders. The Martins have withdrawn their bid and therefore staff is recommending that the bid be awarded to Jay Barnes. This is a five year lease for the Camp Mather saddle horse concession.

On recommendation of the Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee, and on motion of Commissioner McAteer, seconded by Commissioner Guggenhime, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15691

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the award of contract for the Camp Mather Saddle Horse concession to Jay Barnes, dba Mather Saddle & Pack Station.

19. **MARINA YACHT HARBOR**
RECONSIDERATION OF CANCELLATION OF BERTH

Reconsideration of the cancellation of Berth #653 (Steven Kellenberger) at the Marina Yacht Harbor.

Interim Marina Manager Gary Davis explained that this item is reconsideration of a cancellation of a berth. Mr. Kellenberger came to the Marina Yacht Harbor in 1978 and has had five delinquencies, three of them in the past year, 1989. In 9/89 he was cancelled for non-payment of his rent. Mr. Kellenberger's boat has been left in the Harbor since 9/89 and he has not paid the accrued visitor fees amounting to $1230.00. Mr. Davis recommended that the cancellation of the berth be upheld.

Steven Kellenberger, the berth holder, explained that he had been a good tenant for 11 years and stated that he only had 2 late payments. His 2 late payments in 1989 were non-sufficient fund checks which he rectified. He explained that he began his own company two years ago and had difficulty making ends meet. Since then the boat has been paid for and his firm is doing well and he does not foresee any problems. He stated that he never received the certified letter notifying him of the cancellation. Once he received notice he made a special trip to San Francisco paid the delinquency and any late charges and, in a show of good faith, sent a check for the last quarter. He summarized the fact that he was a good tenant for the first 10 years and rectified his 2 late payments in 1989.

President O'Connor clarified the 02/15/90 vote: the ayes were Commissioners Eickman, O'Connor and Orr and the noes were Commissioners Guggenhime, McAteer, and Ruiz.

19. **MARINA YACHT HARBOR**
RECONSIDERATION OF CANCELLATION OF BERTH (Continued)

President O'Connor felt the policy was extraordinarily liberal given that it affords the berth holder a 65 day grace period before any action is taken. She noted that there is a long waiting list and that the berth holder should know when his bill is due.

Commissioner Guggenhime stated that his general concern was that the rules were enforced at times, and at other times, not. Mr. Kellenberger was delinquent twice and it related to his business and he felt that he could be permitted to remain at the Harbor.

Commissioner Orr upheld the Marina Manager's decision and stated that one should know the procedure and did not find Mr. Kellenberger's reasons compelling. He felt that the Commission needed to let people know that delinquencies cannot continue.

On motion of Commissioner Orr, seconded by Commissioner Eickman, the following resolution was adopted;

RES. NO. 15692

RESOLVED, That this Commission reaffirms it 2/15/90 decision to cancel Berth #653 (Steven Kellenberger) at the Marina Yacht Harbor.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Eickman, Harris, O'Connor, Orr
Noes: Commissioners Guggenhime, McAteer, Ruiz

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Mr. Kellenberger stated that because the process of appeal has taken some time due to the illness of one of the Commissioners he wanted the per diem payments to be made effective the date of original contention. Commissioner O'Connor suggested that this matter be resolved with Mr. Davis.

20. **LAKE MERCED BOATHOUSE**
ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE

Approval of Assignment of Lake Merced Boathouse Lease to Susan Armstrong Pettigrew and Desert Bay Development, Inc., a joint venture to the Lake Merced Boathouse Lease.

Ernie Prindle, Assistant General Manager for Finance and Property, explained that this item was considered by the Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee. Staff was notified two days ago by the proposed assignee's attorney that the proposed assigne is still working on becoming incorporated with the State of California. Therefore, this item was removed from the calendar.

21. **GOLDEN GATE PARK STABLES**
ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE

Approval of Assignment of Golden Gate Park Stables Lease to San Francisco Equestrians, Inc., and rescission of Commission Resolution #15191.

Ernie Prindle, Assistant General Manager for Finance and Property, explained that this item was considered by the Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee and is a request to assign the Golden Gate Park stables lease from Jay Barnes to San Francisco Equestrians, Inc. Staff has reviewed the operating plan for the stable and has investigated their financial standing and background to fulfill the terms of the lease and finds them to be acceptable. He recommended approval.

Peter Desmond, discussed the sign-up roster for individuals to gain a stall assignment at the Golden Gate Park Stables and the fact that he has been on the list for over twenty years. He felt that this waiting list had not been properly administered in the past and urged that it be fairly administered in the future. He did not want the stables to be operated as a private facility but as a public facility.

John Oliver, explained that ever since the death of Joe Barnes he has been on record to acquire the Golden Gate Park Stables lease. He stated that he has a trained staff and that if he acquired the lease he would restore the barns. He asked the Commission to review his bid.

Mr. Prindle explained that the Department is not soliciting bids at this time but when the lease expires in 1992 the Golden Gate Park Stables lease will be competitively bid.

Polly Digman, the prospective lessee, responded to the statement made by Mr. Desmond and explained that she did not realize there was a list until recently. She stated that she is in the process of updating this list and is addressing this matter.

The following people testified in support of the assignment of the Golden Gate Park Stables lease to Polly Digman, doing business as San Francisco Equestrians, Inc., noting her good management skills, competent teaching qualifications for those learning to ride, and the professional manner in which the stables is managed:

Jerry Lombardi, Deirdre Frontczak, Marianne Duggal, Ann Barden, Allen Lombardi, Mary O'Connor, Ani Alberts, Carol Gallagher, Karen Bruehl, Mrs. Kate Fregoso, Rebecca Spencer, Rita Clark, Jeff Morris, Frank O'Barski, Katherine Shotwell, Susan Cox, Joe Digman, Karen Hutton, Rita Almon and Laura Israel.

On recommendation of the Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Guggenhime, the following resolution was adopted:

21. **GOLDEN GATE PARK STABLES**
ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE (Continued) **RES. NO. 15693**

RESOLVED, That this Commission hereby rescinds Resolution 15191 of October 20, 1988, which states:

> "RESOLVED, that this Commission transfers the Golden Gate Park Stables lease to Joe Barnes' heirs and that they may assign the lease provided that any default in the terms of the lease is cured at the time of sale and that any prospective assignee meets the Commission Policy Resolution #13865 for assignment of the lease."

RESOLVED, That this Commission transfers the Golden Gate Park Stables lease to Joe Barnes' heirs and that they may assign the lease provided that any prospective assignee meets the Commission Policy Resolution #13865 for assignment of the lease, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Commission has examined the financial capacity, proposed business plan and public stable operations experience of the proposed assignees and has found them to be qualified, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Commission consents to the assignment of the Golden Gate Park Stables lease from Jay Barnes to San Francisco Equestrians, Inc.

4:40 p.m. to 4:55 p.m. The Commission convened in Executive Session.

22. **SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM**

Approval of settlement of the litigated claim of Mike Crowley in the amount of $10,000.00. (Note: The Commission may convene in Executive Session pursuant to California Government Code Section Section 54956.9(b) to discuss this matter.)

On motion of Commissioner Guggenhime, seconded by Commissioner Harris, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the settlement of the litigated claim of Mike Crowley in the amount of $10,000.00.

22A. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE
AMENDMENTS/ADDITIONS

Approval of amendments and additions to the Recreation and Park Department's conflict of interest code.

Mary E. Burns, General Manager, explained that this is a technical amendment to add some new positions which should properly report under the requirements of the Conflict of Interest Code. She also proposed properly changing the title of the Finance Director to its new title.

22A. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE
AMENDMENTS/ADDITIONS (Continued)

On motion of Commissioner Orr, seconded by Commissioner Guggenhime, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15695

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the following amendments and additions to the Recreation and Park Department's conflict of interest code:

°modify the disclosure category of the Property Manager classification from "Disclosure Category 2" to "Disclosure Category 1"

°add the "Director of Marketing", "Finance and Business Development Manager" and "Assistant Zoo Director" classifications and assigns "Disclosure Category 3"

°change the title of "Finance Director" to "Assistant General Manager for Finance and Property"

22B. INTERNATIONAL POLO CHARITY
GOLDEN GATE PARK
ROAD CLOSURES

Approval to close Middle West Drive from 34th to 37th Avenue, in Golden Gate Park, on Sunday, May 6, 1990, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., in connection with International Polo Charity event to be held in Golden Gate Park.

Peter Ashe, Assistant Superintendent for the Cultural Division, explained that his office granted a one-day athletic event permit for use of the Polo Field. The response for this event has grown and it is expected that up to 4,000 people may attend it. Therefore the permittee has requested a road closure in Golden Gate Park, approximately 3 blocks long, to accommodate the crowd. Staff does not feel that the road closure will significantly impact the park.

Elaine Bertolina, representing the Children's Hospital, Prudential California Realty, explained that it was their expectation that the event would draw 1,000 people but they are now expecting upwards to 4,000. In order to avoid gridlock in the Golden Gate Park, she requested the road closure.

On motion of Commissioner McAteer, seconded by Commissioner Guggenhime, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO.15696

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves closure of Middle West Drive from 34th to 37th Avenue, in Golden Gate Park, on Sunday, May 6, 1990, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., in connection with International Polo Charity event to be held in Golden Gate Park.

23. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS

On motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Orr, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO.15697

RESOLVED, That this Commission accepts the following gifts valued at $1,975.00, for the Recreation and Park Department:

a. From Cynthia Kellen, camellia plants, valued at $575.00, for the Conservatory of Flowers, Golden Gate Park.

b. From San Francisco Croquet Club, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $1,400.00, benches for Sigmund Stern Grove.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That letter of thanks will be sent to the donors.

24. PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission. Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President or the Commission may limit the total testimony to 30 minutes.

Flora Zagorites, urged the Commission to repair and replace the Lake Merced Foot Bridge. She hoped that the Commission would budget the requisite funding for this project. She submitted a petition with over 460 signatures from San Francisco residents to encourage the Commission to repair it.

Jerry Zagorites, speaking in his capacity as Vice President of the Lakeshore Acres Improvement Club read a letter from the Club urging the Commission to repair the Lake Merced Foot Bridge.

Robert Killian, Golf Director, explained that a cost figure has not been developed for repair of the bridge which was severely damaged by the 10/17/89 earthquake.

Deborah Learner, Park Planner, explained that a Master Plan for Lake Merced is being developed and there are funds available from the recently approved park bond to fund many projects at Lake Merced. She explained that a community meeting will soon be held to discuss the Lake Merced projects and that the foot bridge will be included in this plan. She noted that there is concern to include adequate fencing so that there is no danger from golf balls when people use walkways along the Harding Park Road which accesses the bridge.

24. PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued)

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President O'Connor explained that last June the Commission considered the placement of a plaque in Washington Square to honor Juana Briones and turned down the request by a vote of 4 to 3. She noted that the Commission has not changed its position on this matter which is why it has not been calendared for consideration. Commissioner Ruiz has asked that the Recreation and Park Commission consider its Gift Policy at the next meeting of the Parks and Planning Committee. She further suggested that the Commission may need to review some of the plaques and replace some of those in the park system.

Jeanne McDonnell, representing the Women's Heritage Museum, explained that the Museum has given two years of research to acquire the marker. She did not expect the Commission to turn down the proposal and was now appearing at the Commission in an adversarial role. She stated that the Museum tried to discuss this matter with all the Commissioners to address their concerns.

Ellen Huppert, representing the Institute for Historical Study, expressed support for placement of a plaque honoring Juana Briones. She stated that the plaque would be of great value for children who would view Ms. Briones as a role model.

Charles Fracchia, President of the San Francisco Historical Society, explained that plaques are part of the pride various cities have in their past and supported the placement of this plaque in Washington Square. He spoke of the historic importance of Ms. Briones and noted that people have a fascination at looking at plaques because it gives one a sense of connection with the past of the City.

Muriel Knapp, representing the Women's Heritage Museum, addressed the size of the State historic plaque. She noted that there is a State historic plaque in front of the Conservatory of Flowers in Golden Gate Park. She discussed the measurement of the State plaque as it relates to the size requirement of the Recreation and Park Commission's Gift Policy.

Andrea Lucas, a landscape architect, assured the Commission if the plaque was permitted in Washington Square the Museum would preserve the aesthetics and open space of the park. She explained that they have looked at Washington Square and feel the Union/Stockton street area is a possible location to place the plaque.

Ann Forfreedom, representing the Institute for Feminist Studies, explained that her organization's goal is to contribute to women's histories and lives, both contemporary and their heritage. She explained that women are often overlooked and left out of the heritage. She noted that no markers mention Hispanic women.

Helen Picon, representing the Latino Democratic Club, read a letter from the club endorsing the placement of a historical marker in Washington Square honoring Juana Briones. She stated that the Club was insulted at the Commission's denial. San Francisco has not recognized Latinas and the Commission's reasons for denial held little merit.

24. PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued)

Yolanda Gallegos, representing BANELA, supported the plaque proposal and explained that, as a Latina, this matter signaled the importance that people like herself have made a contribution.

Nora Haymond, principal of George Moscone School, stated that she was present as an advocate for children. She explained that 19% of the student body in San Francisco are Hispanics or Latinos. She stated that it is necessary for children to have role models and that plaques help in a child's social studies framework. Many of the City's streets are named after Latinos and the Commission should honor Juana Briones.

Wilma L. Espinosa, representing BANELA, concurred with the statements made and noted that she has worked with the Women's Heritage Museum on this issue. She said it was an important topic and will bring democracy to our City.

Dr. Luz-Mary Harris, representing the Protagonists, stated her this organization promotes critical issues in the community. She felt that the symbol of Juana Briones is a critical issue and they support it wholeheartedly. She has treated numerous Hispanic adolescents and sees the need to have positive role models in the community.

Deborah Alvarez, felt the Juana Briones plaque was a significant issue. She explained that the City is in the epicenter of AIDS, crack, and homeless epidemic and that one of the leading contributing factors to these epidemics is the lack of role models and a lack of positive identification.

Susana Moraga, an attorney with Public Advocates affirmed everything that had been said. She supported the plaque and suggested that the Commission consider the value of this plaque.

Virginia Apodaza, representing La Raza Information Center, spoke in support of the plaque and asked the Commission to look within itself and ask what is the objection to placement of this plaque.

Reuben Goodman, representing Raoul Wallenberg Jewish Democratic Club and the Sunset Democratic Club, supported the plaque and stated that Juana was a respected healist and herbalist. He urged the Commission to consider placement of the plaque to honor Juana Briones.

Mercedes Villalta, (through an interpreter) representing the Capp Street Senior Center, supported the Juana Briones project because Ms. Briones is a role model for all our children and the Latino community. The rest of the speakers had expressed her thoughts.

Commissioner Guggenhime stated that nobody had addressed the issue of whether the State historic plaque can be made into the Commission's 2'x2' size.

Commissioner Ruiz stated that there is a conflict with the Commission's Gift Policy and State plaques. He explained that the Gift Policy will affect the Commission in accepting future gifts.

24. **PUBLIC COMMENT** (Continued)

Commissioner Orr explained that the State plaque is considerably larger than the size allowed under the Gift Policy. The proposed plaque is not in line with the Gift Policy and the Commission is trying to minimize the number of plaques. He did not think it was the obligation of the Commission to accept a plaque that was larger than the size allowed in the Gift Policy. He wanted to hear if the State would consider a plaque which fit within the Commission guidelines.

Commissioner McAteer said she visited many places with plaques and felt that plaques should be short and concise.

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Diddo Clark, representing the Golden Gate Swimmers, spoke about the denial of public access to park property, specifically referencing the South End and Dolphin Clubs. She works on the Point Bonita swim and stated that the South End and Dolphin Clubs have prohibited the Point Bonita swimmers from using these premises. She asked that authorization be given for these swimmers to use the two club's showers and saunas.

Mary E. Burns, General Manager, explained that the public access issue will be calendared for consideration before a future Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee meeting.

25. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President O'Connor announced the following changes on Committee assignments:

Parks and Planning Committee	Golden Gate Park Committee
Commissioner Trent Orr	Commissioner Frances McAteer
Commissioner Tommy Harris	Commissioner Trent Orr
Commissioner Keith Eickman	Commissioner Santiago Ruiz

26. **COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The following Committee reports were submitted for the record:

Joint Zoo Committee Meeting of March 13, 1990
Recreation Program and Mather Committee Meeting of March 28, 1990
Parks and Planning Committee Meeting of April 5, 1990
Finance and Administration Committee Meeting of April 5, 1990
Golf and Candlestick Committee Meeting of April 12, 1990

27. **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of President O'Connor, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Commander Isiah Nelson, of the San Francisco Police Department, who died in a motorcycle accident on 4/13/90.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Larry McNesby, a 35 year employee of the Recreation and Park Department who worked in the Recreation Division.

On motion of Commissioner McAteer, the meeting was adjourned with a letter of thanks to Dick and Rhoda Goldman, and their efforts in connection with the Goldman Environmental Prize.

There being no further business, the 646th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

Note: These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Recreation and Park Commission on matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological order in which the matters were taken up.

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SPECIAL MEETING

May 10, 1990 - 1:30 P.M.
Room 282 City Hall

The Special meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission and City Planning Commission was called to order on Thursday, May 10, 1990, at 1:35 p.m. by President Connie O'Connor and President James Morales.

1. ROLL CALL

Recreation and Park Commission

Present:

Connie O'Connor, President
Keith Eickman, President
Richard Guggenhime
Tommy Harris
Trent Orr
Santiago Ruiz

Absent:
Frances McAteer

City Planning Commission

Present:

James Morales, President
Wayne Jackson Hu, Vice President
(noted present at 2:00 p.m.)
Douglas Engmann
Romaine Boldridge (representing Thomas J. Elzey)
Susan J. Bierman
Norman Karasick (representing Rudolf Nothenberg)
Edward Sewell

2. **PARK AND OPEN SPACE FUND**
RECOMMENDED EXPENDITURES 1990-91

Presentation of report by the General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department on the 1990-91 Park and Open Space Fund and five year renovation and maintenance plan and adoption of recommendations contained in this report and the five year plan.

General Manager Mary E. Burns, explained that the Park and Open Space Program requires that a report be given to the joint Commissions outlining the proposed budget as well as reviewing the accomplishments of the previous years' program. Ms. Burns acknowledged and thanked the members of the Park and Open Space Advisory Committee for their dedication and hard work as well as the staff from the Recreation and Park Department: Phil Arnold, Tim Lillyquist, Tom Chiosso and Deborah Learner and Steve Shotland from the City Planning Department.

Ms. Burns highlighted the Open Space Program's accomplishments:

°a settlement agreement has been reached with the owners of property in Chinatown. The settlement provides that the owner will continue in business for a 2-year period and vacate possession of the property in 1993. The planning process has begun to design the park so that when the City takes title to the land construction can begin immediately. A Chinatown park has been a goal of the Open Space Program since the early 1970s.

°The City is now in escrow to acquire a second park site in the Tenderloin. Boeddeker Park is one of the most heavily used parks in the City and another park site is desperately needed for the 5,000+ children who live in this part of the City. Staff has reached agreement with the owners of property located on Ellis Street at Leavenworth and Hyde to take title to this land.

°The Sixth and Folsom park site was formally dedicated last week. 30 years ago the City took two parks in the South of Market area to construct the Hall of Justice and freeway.

°A long term lease agreement has been reached with the San Francisco Unified School District for a gym and community center in the Richmond District at the Sutro Annex site.

°a major portion of the India Basin waterfront park has been acquired and design work is underway on this project.

°one of the Golden Gate Heights rock outcropping lots has been identified and funding has been set aside but acquisition remains incomplete due to an unwilling seller.

2. PARK AND OPEN SPACE FUND
RECOMMENDED EXPENDITURES 1990-91 (Continued)

Ms. Burns then highlighted the renovation projects:

°The Ocean View Playground renovation is completed. This playground was, at one time, a haven for drug users and sellers, but is now filled with children and families.

°Joseph Lee Recreation Center in Hunters Point has been renovated.

°Alice Chalmers Playground in the outer Mission has renovated the clubhouse.

°Cabrillo Clubhouse has been renovated.

°Mission Pool has been totally renovated. The pool has been replaced and for the first time there will be heating for the City's only outdoor pool

°Buchanan Street Mall has been renovated

°Phase I of improvements to Adam Rogers Park has been completed and there is a well-received community garden at this site

°Grattan Playground has been completed

°The City took title to the property for the future Washington-Hyde Mini-Park. Soil samples are being tested to see if there are toxic materials present at the site. It is hoped that construction will start sometime in the upcoming fiscal year.

°Michelangelo Playground on Greenwich Street has been renovated. This park site was acquired from the School District and renovated with Open Space Funds as well as monies raised by a dedicated neighborhood group.

Assistant General Manager for Administration Phil Arnold, outlined the projects that are proposed for funding in the program for the upcoming budget year. This year's program was the end of the Proposition J, the original Open Space Program and the beginning of Proposition E (1988), the extension of the Open Space Program. Proposition E contains new elements which require that there be (1) a five year plan for the expenditures of Open Space funds, (2) better reporting of the actual expenditure of funds and (3) a new position entitled "Volunteer Coordinator" which will assist the Department to carry out the mandates of Proposition E for the next 15 years. Another new component of Proposition E provides that funding be spent on programs.

1990-91 Expenditure Plan

The revenue package for the Open Space Program for the upcoming year is approximately $14,300,000. The allocation formula as mandated by Proposition E, is as follows:

°Not more than 40% of <u>total</u> fund for maintenance of acquired properties.
Of the remainder:
°20% for the operation of the After School Program (12% of total fund)
°At least 40% for acquisition and development (25% of total fund)
°At least 15% for renovation (8% of total fund)
°No more than 25% for administration, programs, and maintenance of new open space properties and renovated open space facilities (15% of total fund)

2. **PARK AND OPEN SPACE FUND**
RECOMMENDED EXPENDITURES 1990-91 (Continued)

1990-91 Expenditure Plan

It is anticipated that in the early years of the program there will be an emphasis on acquisition and development and renovation. In the later years as more property is acquired, developed and renovated, there will be more of an emphasis on maintaining that property.

MAINTENANCE OF PREVIOUSLY ACQUIRED OPEN SPACE - $5,500,000 (38%)

	1989-90 BUDGET	1990-91 REQUEST TOTAL
Perm Salaries-Misc.	$3,004,500	$3,170,203
Perm Salaries-Craft	585,708	935,708
Holiday Pay	7,904	7,904
Temporary Salaries	56,751	56,750
Mandatory Fringe	967,717	1,011,187
Use of Employee Cars/MUNI	2,500	2,500
Other Contract	30,083	43,283
Mat & Supplies	144,798	167,965
Equipment Purchase	104,500	104,500
TOTAL	**$4,904,461**	**$5,500,000**

The increase in salaries provides for additional craft positions to provide more emphasis for the maintenance of properties acquired.

Positions funded through Maintenance:

77 Gardeners
2 Area Supervisors
1 Asst. Custodian Supervisor
2 Plumbers
2 Ornamental Iron Workers
2 Carpenters
1 Electrician
8 Gardener Supervisors
3 Park Section Supervisors
11 Custodians
2 Truck Drivers
4 General Laborers
2 Stationary Engineers

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM - $1,716,000 (12%)

After school programs have been established at the following sites: Alamo School yard, Aptos Middle School gym, Alvarado School yard, Luther Burbank, Bessie Carmichael, Denman, Duboce Park, Sir Francis Drake, Francisco, Bret Harte, Hawthorne, Guadalupe School yard, Lafayette School yard, Hillcrest, Horace Mann, Jefferson, Marshall, Larsen, Jean Parker, Lawton, George Peabody, Lincoln, Plaza East, Monroe, Redding, Jose Ortega, Roosevelt, Paul Revere, Spring Valley, Junipero Serra, Starr King, Visitacion Valley gym, Commodore Stockton, Visitacion Valley School yard, Raphael Weill.

2. **PARK AND OPEN SPACE FUND**
RECOMMENDED EXPENDITURES 1990-91 (Continued)

1990-91 Expenditure Plan (Continued)

ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT - $4,037,000 (28%)

The Open Space Advisory Committee spends a great deal of time with this category. Traditionally, the Committee receives spending requests equal to four times the amount available, so a system of prioritizing takes place.

"Development" includes, but is not limited to, designing specific parks for facilities for which monies have been allocated for acquisition and development, establishment of trails, implementation of the community gardens policy of the Recreation and Open Space Element of the City Master Plan, implementation of the urban forestry policy set forth in the Plan, and establishment and funding of recreational programs other than after school recreation programs in high need areas as defined in the Plan; provided that in any given year no more than five percent (5%) of the Remainder of the Fund may be used for such recreational programs. Projects recommended in this year's Program are as follows:

India Basin Park	$ 300,000
Washington and Hyde Park	250,000
Chinatown Park	500,000
Richmond Community Center	750,000
Tenderloin Playground	500,000
South of Market Park	500,000
Natural Areas Acquisition	827,000
Community Gardens (Development)	50,000
Reforestation Program, Neighborhood Parks	173,000
Significant Natural Areas Management Plan	50,000
Regional Trails Development	30,000
Program - Vocational Training for Disabled	7,000
Program - High need areas: transportation and recreation equipment	100,000
Acquisition and Development Total	**$4,037,000**

Mr. Arnold explained that $827,000 was allocated to initiate a planning process for acquisition of natural areas. The specific sites which were identified by the Open Space Committee include: the entire rock outcropping (14th Ave and Ortega St.), Bayview Hill, Bonview lots, O'Shaughnessy Hollow (Block 2949A, Lot 76), Hawk Hill (2290-14th Ave., Bk 2336, Lot 27) and open space at 22nd (Texas and Sierra Sts.) (Bk 4101). Mr. Arnold noted that not all of these sites are specifically identified in the Open Space element of the Master Plan and that if the properties were requested for acquisition the City Planning Commission would have to amend the Master Plan to include them.

2. **PARK AND OPEN SPACE FUND**
RECOMMENDED EXPENDITURES 1990-91 (Continued)

1990-91 Expenditure Plan (Continued)

RENOVATION - $2,100,000 (15%)

"Renovation" means salaries and equipment attributable to any work on an existing facility or real property under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission which results in a physical net increase in usable square footage, use or programs. Projects recommended in this year's Program are as follows:

Court Resurfacing	$ 75,000
Roofing	100,000
Automatic Irrigation Installation (Neighborhood Parks)	300,000
North Beach Playground and Pool	300,000
Randall Museum - Implement Master Plan	200,000
Facility Access Improvements	100,000
Excelsior Playground Rehabilitation	150,000
Bayview Playground (outside restrooms)	35,000
Various Facilities Remodeling	435,000
Brooks Park (landscape entrance, foundation removal)	50,000
Ocean View Playground (Complete renovation project)	10,000
Coffman Pool Entryways	150,000
Mural Barricade for Coit Tower	50,000
Japanese Peace Plaza Repairs	50,000
Youngblood Coleman Playground Reconstruction	50,000
West Portal Playground Renovation	$100,000
Renovation Total	**$2,155,000**

ADMINISTRATION, PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT - $947,000 (6.6%)

Up to 15% of the total fund may be used for maintenance of property and facilities acquired under Proposition E. In addition this section provides funds for recreational programs other than the after school program, as well as for administration of the program. The percentage allocated under this section will increase as new facilities come on line.

	1989-90 BUDGET	1990-91 REQUEST
Perm Salaries	$134,709	$182,414
Mandatory Fringe	35,953	47,385
Department Over	75,000	75,000
City-Wide Over	188,707	356,347
Other Contract	29,893	33,829
Mat & Supplies	1,172	1,230
Fixed Charges	265	265
Equipment	0	21,000
Real Estate	98,000	102,900
Misc Department	22,500	23,625
City Attorney	98,100	$103,005
TOTAL	**$684,299**	**$947,000**
GRAND TOTAL	**$14,355,000**	

2. PARK AND OPEN SPACE FUND
RECOMMENDED EXPENDITURES 1990-91 (Continued)

Mr. Arnold noted there is an increase in permanent salaries because there is a need for an accountant position to enable the Open Space Program to maintain accurate accounting records.

Mr. Arnold outlined the Open Space Program's five year goals and objectives:

°Conform with the Open Space Element of the City Master Plan,
°Carry out the Programs for Implementing the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Master Plan,
°Implement the requirements of Title 24 of the California Building Code and Section 503-504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act (Disability access standards),
°Support on-going maintenance program including resurfacing, lighting, roofing and reforestation,
°Implement a program to acquire and manage natural areas,
°Continue support for the After School Program,
°Promote water conservation and the development of low-maintenance, drought-tolerant natural plantings,
°Reduce long-term maintenance costs of Open Space-funded projects

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Commissioner Engmann asked Mr. Arnold to expand on the fact that the Open Space Program requires that it spend as much money as possible for acquisition and development in its early years.

Mr. Arnold stated that the acquisition and development allocation exceeded that which is required for the upcoming year. In addition, the North Beach pool, a major development, will cost approximately $4.5 Million to replace. Therefore, the acquisition and development category may substantially increase in the near future.

Commissioner Bierman mentioned the Yerba Buena Gardens ice rink proposal and stated that negotiations are proceeding well. She felt the City could have two ice rinks and supported both proposals.

Mr. Arnold explained there was strong testimony from the 48th Avenue ice rink users to keep an ice rink in that part of the City rather than to relocate it. Testimony was also given that the downtown neighborhood would be well served with an ice rink.

2. **PARK AND OPEN SPACE FUND**
RECOMMENDED EXPENDITURES 1990-91 (Continued)

Public Testimony

Jerry Klein, suggested that the Commissions look into the concept of a transfer of development credit which requires developers to contribute monies into an acquisition fund to acquire open space. He noted that this system is in place in the downtown area of San Francisco and could work well to provide an upfront purchase of a property for a future sale of those development rights.

Greg Gaar, representing the Haight-Ashbury Neighborhood Council, explained that this year's Open Space budget begins to generate some environmental sensitivity but only after numerous public requests to purchase the last significant natural areas of San Francisco. The Sierra Club, San Francisco Tomorrow and Audubon Society jointly requested that $2.5 Million be banked for natural area acquisition. The Open Space Program is requesting $827,000. He outlined the San Francisco natural areas in need of acquisition and the mandate of Proposition E, to pursue acquisition in the first years.

Michael Page, Vice President of the San Francisco Apartment House Assn., member of the Marina Homeowners Assn., and member of the Russian Hill Assn., explained that a year ago he asked the Commissions to resolve the ever growing problem of people residing in the City's parks. To date, nothing has been resolved. It was his opinion that those who reside in the park are not San Franciscans and that the parks are now a haven for drug users. He felt that tourism was down because of the people who live in the City's parks.

Karen Wood, stated that it would be a shame for the City to lose the San Francisco ice rink. She understood that the property is now being considered for demolition. The Open Space Committee is now considering possible acquisition of this property and she hoped that the Commissions would contemplate what might happen upon the possible demolition of the ice rink.

Cheryl Arnold, representing the Coalition to save Ocean Beach, urged the Commissions to acquire Parcel 4 of the Ocean Beach property. She explained that this request has been made in past years and noted that this year may be the last chance to save this site. She noted that the Federal government has begun the process to buy this land but that a remaining 1.4 acres requires acquisition.

Jacob Sigg, representing the California Native Plant Society, urged the Commissions to acquire the remaining natural areas in the City before they are lost to development. He noted that Proposition E mandated the early acquisition of these areas and that the $827,000 allocation was insufficient to acquire these natural areas. He further stated that he was concerned with the preemption of open spaces by uncontrolled weedy exotic plants that threaten the ecosystem.

Donald Davis, a member of the Steering Council of Potrero Commons, had a petition from his neighborhood to maintain open space on Potrero Hill on Arkansas and 18th Streets. He discussed the definition of open space and the need to have open space in one's neighborhood.

2. PARK AND OPEN SPACE FUND
RECOMMENDED EXPENDITURES 1990-91 (Continued)

Public Testimony (Continued)

Nan McGuire, Chair of the Proposition E Implementation Committee, was pleased that the City was moving ahead to recruit the Volunteer Coordinator position as she felt there was a need to increase public involvement in the City's parks. She appreciated the increased detail in this year's report.

Zack Cowan, representing the Proposition E Implementation Committee, stated that more Open Space Program funding should be allocated toward acquisition for the early years with the emphasis on maintenance in the later years. He stated that $827,000 is not enough money for acquisition of natural areas. He felt that the budget contained $947,000 which was improperly earmarked and should more properly be allocated toward acquisition of natural areas. He further stated that he could not accept the use of $2.1 Million of Open Space funds to pay the San Francisco Unified School District for use of the Sutro Annex site for the Richmond gym.

Vicki Oppenheim, representing the Committee for the Preservation of Glen Canyon Park, Friends of Glen Canyon Park and Miraloma Improvement Club, thanked the Open Space Committee for establishing the Natural Areas banking fund. She was concerned that certain natural areas were not prioritized as highly as others. She felt all natural areas should be prioritized as number one and acquired immediately before they land in the hands of a developer.

Dino Di Donato, coordinator of the South of Market Problem Solving Council, thanked the Recreation and Park Department for the Sixth and Folsom facility. He stated that the negotiations for the Open Space Park in the South of Market area fell apart last year and he urged that another park be acquired. He noted that there is a long term commitment to acquire another park site to replace the two parks lost to the Hall of Justice and freeway some 30 years ago.

James Kindregan, representing the Golden Gate Heights Neighborhood Association, commended the Open Space Committee for allocating $827,000 for the acquisition of open space areas which exceeds the money allocated in the past and for listing the rock outcropping as priority #1. He noted that acquisition of Lot 6 has been the primary focus and that the Committee should continue to proceed with the acquisition of the four remaining lots.

Ramona, representing Twin Peaks Council and Open Space Conservancy, noted that one of Proposition J's first acquisition was Tank Hill. She applauded the work of the Open Space Committee. She urged the Commissions (1) to stop tolerating the violation of laws regarding open space and to not allow camping, to (2) acquire property, (3) to stop the Department of Public Works from giving away City property which abuts private lots being developed and (4) seek more landscaping for all projects approved by the Planning Commission.

2. **PARK AND OPEN SPACE FUND**
RECOMMENDED EXPENDITURES 1990-91 (Continued)

Public Testimony (Continued)

Al Kurz, explained that he had been studying biology for a number of years, and discussed the need to acquire the O'Shaughnessy and Glen Canyon area to preserve this natural area.

Kelly Cullen, representing Tenderloin Youth Advocates, thanked the Commissions and the Departments for the support they have shown the Tenderloin community.

Pam Sims, a member of the Bayview Committee, noted that all of the natural areas are designated by block and lot numbers with the exception of Bayview Hill. She stated that the public should be ensured that Open Space funds are not being spent to acquire Bayview Hill land which has already been committed to a program by Executive Park and that the broad scope of the acquisition will not limit future housing for the neighborhood. She stressed the importance of housing and open space needs for the Bayview neighborhood.

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Commissioner Bierman concurred with the comments made that acquisition and development are crucial but felt that she could not second guess the recommendations of the Open Space Committee.

Commissioner Sewell asked if ways have been developed to use Open Space money as seed money to generate additional revenues for the Open Space Fund.

Mr. Arnold noted that the Michelangelo Park project was partially funded by neighborhood groups and is a prime example of how private parties assisted in raising funds to renovate a park.

Commissioner Sewell noted that the many sporting events, such as the Bay to Breakers or Tour de France, raise much funding for worthy projects and suggested that something similar could be done to raise additional monies for the Open Space Program.

Mr. Arnold noted that one of the responsibilities of the new Volunteer Coordinator position will be to solicit such fundraising efforts.

Commissioner Morales questioned some of the items which were listed under "renovation" and "maintenance" and felt that some of the items funded under renovation might be more properly funded under maintenance. He asked how the roofing, automatic irrigation and court resurfacing projects could be viewed as renovation.

Mr. Arnold explained that resurfacing is done at playgrounds that are either out of service or in danger of being out of service if they are not resurfaced. He viewed such work as renovation and noted that historically such items had been viewed this way.

Commissioner Morales viewed such work as deferred maintenance.

2. PARK AND OPEN SPACE FUND
RECOMMENDED EXPENDITURES 1990-91 (Continued)

Commissioner Morales noted the testimony pointed out that the Interior Greenbelt landuse study was not really an acquisition and that a funding request for the McAteer high school track was included. He asked Mr. Arnold to address these items.

Mr. Arnold explained that neither of these items were favorably received by the Open Space Committee.

Commissioner Morales stated that $2.1 Million seemed to be a massive amount of money for the Richmond gym. He asked for particulars regarding the lease agreement.

Ms. Burns explained that the Sutro Annex property was offered for sale by the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD). A developer requested a change in zoning in order to place a number of housing units on this site. The City Planning Commission asked the SFUSD to take another look at the site, and the community suggested, as an alternative, that the City acquire the land and develop a community center in order to meet the long standing commitment made to the Richmond District residents. Last year the Real Estate Department negotiated the 99 year lease. Real Estate felt it was a very favorable lease.

Commissioner Guggenhime felt that the yearly $20,000 allocation for 99 years was a good deal considering the fair market rent.

Commissioner Engmann then discussed the funding allocation for projects listed under "maintenance" or "renovation". He questioned the rationale used to place projects under these categories and was concerned that the Open Space Program's purpose was not to supplement General Fund monies to maintain Recreation and Park Department property.

Mr. Arnold explained that when the Open Space Program acquires property and/or renovates a site then there is additional maintenance costs which must be paid with Open Space Program funds.

Commissioner Orr was concerned that the language in Proposition E states that in early years the focus should be on acquisition and development and in the later years the funding should shift to maintenance. Yet this year's budget shows the maintenance allocation to be at the maximum allowable with acquisition and development's allocation barely over the minimum required.

Mr. Arnold stated that the Open Space Committee has a strong commitment toward acquisition and development and that the Five-Year Plan projects a cost between $26-31 Million. He further noted that $2.5 Million was allocated to acquire a site in the South of Market Area but the purchase fell through.

Commissioner Morales stated that he hoped more items would be placed in the proper category for renovation and maintenance and would be carefully analyzed in the future. He wanted the record to be clear that if he endorsed the Program he did not approve of the usage of the items placed under renovation and maintenance.

2. **PARK AND OPEN SPACE FUND**
RECOMMENDED EXPENDITURES 1990-91 (Continued)

Commissioner Guggenhime concurred with Commissioner Morales' suggestion that the definitions of renovation and maintenance be carefully reviewed.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Eickman, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15698

WHEREAS, The electorate of San Francisco in November, 1988, approved a new Charter Section 6.413 establishing the Park and Open Space Fund for a 15-year period; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 6.413 requires that the Park and Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee recommend, and the Recreation and Park Commission annually adopt, a Five Year Plan for Acquisition and Development, Renovation and Maintenance, to be updated annually, and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 6.413 also requires that the General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department shall annually present a report on the disposition of the Fund for approval by a majority of each of the Recreation and Park Commission and the City Planning Commission, meeting jointly; and

WHEREAS, In formulating the proposed program, the General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department closely considered the recommendations of the Park and Open Space Citizens' Advisory Committee which were made after months of diligent work that involved community discussions, field investigations and public hearings; and

WHEREAS, Charter Section 6.413 requires that the program be consistent with the Recreation and Open Space Element of the Comprehensive Plan (Master Plan) and in accordance with the Recreation and Open Space Programs document; and

WHEREAS, The Office of Environmental Review of the City Planning Department found the submitted program to be consistent with the Recreation and Open Space Element and has approved the proposed program; and

WHEREAS, The General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department on May 10, 1990, presented to the two Commissions, meeting jointly, a program entitled, "General Manager's Report: Park and Open Space Fund, Fiscal Year 1990/91", dated May 10, 1990; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Recreation and Park Commission does hereby adopt the Five Year Plan for Acquisition and Development, Renovation and Maintenance, Fiscal Year 1990/91, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Recreation and Park Commission does hereby approve the program, contained in the "General Manager's Report: Park and Open Space Fund, Fiscal Year 1990/91" dated May 10, 1990, which program is hereby found to be in accordance with the Recreation and Open Space Programs document approved by the City Planning Commission.

2. **PARK AND OPEN SPACE FUND**
RECOMMENDED EXPENDITURES 1990-91 (Continued)

Steve Shotland, representing the City Planning Department, explained that the proposed resolution to be adopted by the City Planning Commission contains a clause that states specific natural area sites should not be considered at this time because some of the sites identified under acquisition and development have not been brought to the City Planning Commission and have not been identified in the City's Master Plan.

Commissioner Morales clarified the point that there are certain sites referenced that are not consistent with the City's Master Plan.

Mr. Shotland referenced the proposed sites under acquisition and development: Bayview hill, Bonveiw lots, Hawk Hill, Texas and 22nd, and O'Shaughnessy Hollow.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding whether the City Planning Commission should approve the proposed resolution given that these specific sites have not been identified in the City's Master Plan. The City's Master Plan would have to be amended in order to include them. In most cases, this is the first year that these sites have been proposed for acquisition. It was considered that perhaps the Master Plan should be amended before adopting this resolution.

Mr. Williams explained that staff has brought the specific project to the Commission when there is an intention to spend money to acquire the property. At this point, the Open Space plan simply states that these sites are potentially eligible for acquisition.

Commissioner Engmann was uncomfortable with this process because it pre-supposes that the Commission will approve the sites in the Master Plan if the Commission adopts the Open Space Program today.

Mr. Arnold explained that the Open Space Program specifically speaks about preservation of significant natural areas but it does not identify specific lots. The areas identified in the plan are the areas that the Committee thought were most interesting.

After much discussion, the City Planning Commission deferred adopting a resolution accepting the Open Space Plan for 1990-91 until May 17, 1990.

General Manager Mary E. Burns explained that recommendations for the maintenance portion of the budget need to be approved by the joint Commissions before the Mayor's Office can place it in the City's budget. Therefore, the City Planning Commission directed Mr. George Williams, of the Planning Department, to send a letter to the Mayor explaining that the City Planning Commission endorsed the maintenance portion of the budget.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park and City Planning Commissions. Members of the public may address the Commissions for up to three minutes. The President or the Commission may limit the total testimony to 30 minutes.

Note: No public comment was received.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission and City Planning Commission was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

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648TH REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 17, 1990 - 2:00 P.M.

The Six Hundred and Eighth Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, May 17, 1990, at 2:00 p.m. by President Connie O'Connor.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:
Commissioner Connie O'Connor, President
Commissioner Keith Eickman, Vice President
Commissioner Richard J. Guggenhime
Commissioner Tommy Harris
Commissioner Frances McAteer
Commissioner Trent Orr

Absent:
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Guggenhime, seconded by Commissioner Harris, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 19, 1990 were approved as presented.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Mary E. Burns, submitted the following report:

"WATER CONSERVATION

The Department has received its water allocation notices. It would appear that there is a wide disparity in the amount of water cutbacks that the Department will be responsible for achieving. Cutbacks range from 25% to as high as 60%. For example, 60% cutbacks are required at Buena Vista Park and Sunset Recreation Center in contrast to 25% cutbacks at mini parks. A memo has been issued to all park employees urging their cooperation in this massive water conservation effort and these efforts will be monitored on a very close basis. As a result of these restrictions many of our grounds will take on a less than desirable appearance, depending largely upon the allocation for each individual park. Golden Gate Park because of its ability to irrigate with well water should be less dramatically affected.

On a more positive note, John Mullane, Acting General Manager, San Francisco Water Department, in a letter to Barney Barney dated May 11, 1990, commended the Department on its serving as a supportive public relations vehicle in the Water Department's implementation of rationing and mandatory water use programs. He cited the shutting off of the fountain in front of City Hall, a newspaper article concerning various cutbacks to be implemented by the Department, and KRON 5:00 news on May 9th which showed the fountain at the Zoo being shut off and David Anderson's commenting on recycling water in the animal grottos.

We will keep you informed on a regular basis as to what results the Department has achieved in its water conservation efforts.

CAMPING BY HOMELESS

The Economic and Social Policy Committee of the Board of Supervisors which urged the recommendation of setting up tents for the homeless at Recreation and Park Department sites between sunset and sunrise will consider this matter at its meeting on Thursday, May 24, 10:00 a.m.

1990-91 BUDGET

The Controller has revised the projected deficit for the City for 1990-91 from $23 million to $42 million. At this time the Mayor is looking at a $2.4 million reduction in the Recreation and Park Department's budget. This amount is mainly due to the shortfall of $1 million of current year revenue and increased sewer service charges at the Zoo of over $700,000.

The Department has met with the Mayor and Clean Water staff to review the sewer service charges for the Department. While we are waiting for written confirmation from the Clean Water Program, they have stated that they will be reducing sewer service estimates for next year by about $700,000. That means there will be an estimated $1.7 million reduction in other parts of the Department's budget.

The most up-to-date information on the City's budget situation is at your place today. I will report to you the Mayor's final decision on the budget as soon as more information is available.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU REPORT

The Convention and Visitors Bureau released their report on visitors to San Francisco earlier this week. While the overall findings have been widely reported in the media, some of the findings were not. For example, a listing of prime attractions, where people go when they visit San Francisco, 65% visit Union Square, 53% go to Golden Gate Park and 7% visit the Zoo. Of particular interest is the importance of Golden Gate Park and the opportunity to increase the number of visitors to the Zoological Gardens.

CAMP MATHER

The Department's work crew is currently preparing for the opening of Camp Mather. All bath houses will be painted as well as decks, and the interior of cabins not painted last year. Carpenters are repairing porches, decks, stairs, windows and doors in all areas. Electrical work is being done in the kitchen and dining hall, new gas and diesel above-ground storage tanks are being installed, and work has started on new staff houses and a warehouse near the kitchen. A new automatic irrigation system is being put in the ball field, and realignment of the road into camp will be completed by opening day.

As of Monday, May 14, Camp Mather reservations totaled $695,000. We expect to sell an additional $14,000 in reservations for an estimated total of $709,000 for 1990. This compares with a total of $712,000 in reservations for the 1989 camp season. The estimated decline in reservation revenue is due to the fact that this year a higher percentage of people have taken advantage of the 7-day weekly rate.

Camp staff has developed procedures for the wrist band system to be in place for this season.

DUMPING OF PAINT IN GOLDEN GATE PARK

On early Saturday morning, May 12, a large number of paint cans, some with paint in them, were dumped at the north end of the Chain of Lakes Drive off 43rd Avenue. An article on this dumping appeared in Saturday's Examiner setting off a rash of phone calls to the Richmond Police Station from callers concerned about toxic materials. The area was closed off by police and the Health Department took care of the cleanup. An initial investigation is being conducted by the District Attorney's Office and we have been informed that they have come up with several leads as to the offender.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

FIRST ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN

Last Saturday, May 13, the Inner Sunset Park Neighbors held a clean-up in the vicinity of 5th Avenue and Lincoln Way. Approximately 150 people participated in removing 10-12 cubic yards of debris, and in planting drought-resistant flowering shrubs in the area. Also, a park bench was donated and installed at the 5th Avenue entrance to the park. The event was coordinated with Park staff and one Department gardener who was on duty to oversee the community operation. This first annual spring clean-up may generate enthusiasm by other groups for this type of community endeavor. The Commission may want to send a note of thanks to the group for their assistance.

The Commission Secretary was directed to send a letter of commendation to the Inner Sunset Park Neighbors

DEPARTMENT TO RECEIVE $100,000.00

The Recreation and Park Department has been notified that our loan from the California Department of Boating and Waterways for $100,000 has been approved. This request was for damage incurred during a major storm on December 15, 1988 to 16 berths in the East Harbor. We should be in receipt of this money within 30 days.

COMPLETED CAPITAL PROJECTS

Lake Merced fishing piers and shoreline improvements have been completed. Four floating fishing piers have been constructed -- two on South Lake and two on North Lake. In addition, retaining walls and stone embankments were constructed to reduce erosion into the lake. The fishing piers are extremely attractive and are already a favorite with the Lake Merced fishing enthusiasts. The project was funded through a State Lakes and Reservoirs grant at a cost of $370,000.

LANDSCAPE GARDEN SHOW

The recent Landscape Garden Show was well received by professionals and amateurs alike. The garden makers and other exhibitors displayed a high level of professionalism in their displays as evidenced by the unusually large number of awards presented this year. However, attendance was down by 22% from 1989. This figure is consistent with the drop in sales, hotel reservations, and event attendance in San Francisco since the October quake. It is estimated that the net profit for the show will not exceed $90,000. A portion of that profit has already been earmarked for the renovation of the Shakespeare Garden.

MICHELANGELO PARK DEDICATION

The dedication of Michelangelo Park will be held on Sunday, June 3, from 2 to 4 p.m. All Commissioners are invited to attend and I know you will be very pleased with all the improvements that have been made. Community fundraising efforts and participation in the park design has produced a great sense of ownership, pride and dedication to its ongoing welfare.

The Commission Secretary was directed to send a letter of commendation to "Friends of Michelangelo Park."

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

TWO POLICE HORSES RETIRE

"Gus" and "Bullet," two members of the San Francisco Police Department Mounted Unit, headquartered in Golden Gate Park, will be retired at a ceremony Friday, May 25, 10:30 a.m. The public is invited to attend the informal event at the Police Stables in the Park.

"Bullet" was donated to the Mounted Police Unit by Recreation and Park employees and their friends ten years ago. Forty-six hundred dollars was raised to purchase two horses to replace two who retired. A city-wide name contest was held at our playgrounds with Grattan naming "Bullet" and Herz naming "Justice."

WORKREATION PROGRAM

Interviews are now underway for the Summer Workreation Program. Staff has received over 400 applications for this year's program. These youngsters will be assigned to various facilities such as recreation centers, day camps, Golden Gate Park, and other facilities within the Recreation and Park Department. Lorraine Lampkin, our new Teen Coordinator, has instituted many new and innovative concepts in relation to the Workreation Program. Hopefully, this new direction will provide even more practical learning experiences for all the youngsters who participate. All assignments will begin the first week of July.

SPRING FESTIVAL

The Annual Spring Festival presented by the Recreation Division will take place on June 10, 1990 at 11:00 a.m., Sigmund Stern Grove. This popular event highlights the talent and creativity of children from throughout the City who participate in our Recreation programs. The show will feature songs and dances created and performed by youngsters under the direction of the Recreation staff. Over 200 youth are expected to participate.

EVENT 90

This year's Event 90 will again be produced by the San Francisco Arts Education Foundation and co-sponsored by the Recreation and Park Department. It is one of the most exciting and well produced events for children. This year's theme is "African Vision" which will feature 600 school-age children celebrating the arts of Africa with magical stories, dancing and the rhythm of drums. This all will take place on Saturday, June 9 at 2:00 p.m., at Sigmund Stern Grove.

ZOOFEST 90

The San Francisco Zoological Society's major annual fundraiser, Zoofest 90, will be held on Thursday, June 7th at the San Francisco Zoo. Guests are invited to experience the land of perpetual intrigue when Zoofest 90 travels to India.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

STRYBING ARBORETUM PLANT SALE

Strybing Arboretum Society's Annual Plant sale, which was held on May 4th and 5th, brought in $45,800 in plant sales and another $3,000 in book sales. Proceeds from this event help support the operation of the Society's various programs.

MAGAZINE ARTICLE ON STRYBING ARBORETUM

In your packet you will find a copy of the April issue of the Horticulture Magazine with a great full color feature article on Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens.

SUMMER PROGRAM SCHEDULES

This year a copy of the Department's Summer Program will be given to every public and parochial school child in San Francisco. Our Public Relations Office has worked with Sherry Agnos who enlisted the help of PG&E who generously contributed funds for printing 80,000 programs. Distribution is being coordinated with the San Francisco Unified School District and the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Last year when our summer schedules were passed out at public schools, an informal survey by our Recreation Division showed an increase of 16 to 60% in program attendance.

RETIREMENTS

Michael Desmond	3436 Tree Topper Superintendent	31 years
Francisco Perez	2708 Custodian	10 years

USED CAR EXPOSITION AT CANDLESTICK PARK

On Saturday, May 12 and Sunday, May 13, 1990, Practical Productions held the first of three scheduled used auto expositions at Candlestick Park. The event was well attended on Saturday, but not on Sunday. This was due in great part because of Mother's Day.

The event ran smoothly, but the clean-up afterwards was not accomplished within the allotted time frame. This will be corrected the next time the event is held, which will be sometime in July of this year.

This event appears to be well run and will be a good addition to the Candlestick Park revenue fund.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, May 28, 1990	Memorial Day Holiday
Saturday, June 3, 1990	Michelangelo Playground Dedication, 2:00 pm
Wednesday, June 6, 1990	Joint Zoo Committee, 4:00 pm San Francisco Zoo
Thursday, June 7, 1990	Parks and Planning Committee, 9:00 am, McLaren Lodge
Thursday, June 7, 1990	Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee, 4:00 pm, McLaren Lodge
Monday, June 11, 1990	Recreation and Park Department Employee Night at De Young Museum"

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner McAteer, seconded by Commissioner Eickman, ratification of the following resolutions, which are processed under Resolution No. 13572:

a. **Personnel Matters** — **RES. NO. 15699**

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period April 5, 1990 through May 2, 1990.

b. **GOLDEN GATE PARK** — **RES. NO. 15700**
CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the transformer installation in existing vault at the California Academy of Sciences.

c. **SIGMUND STERN GROVE** — **RES. NO. 15701**
PINE LAKE

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request by Pacific Bell to grant a permit to install a utility line and to authorize the execution of a utility easement.

d. **MARINA GREEN/THREE-DAY EVENT** — **RES. NO. 15702**
KITEMAKERS

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request from Kitemakers for use of the Marina Green for a three-day event to be held Saturday, September 1 through Monday, September 3, 1990 (Labor Day Weekend) for the Kitemakers Festival.

e. **MISSION DOLORES PARK** — **RES. NO. 15703**
SUNKEN MEADOW/GOLDEN GATE PARK
SAN FRANCISCO MIME TROUPE / 2 TWO-DAY EVENTS

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request by San Francisco Mime Troupe for their annual free performances at Mission Dolores Park and Sunken Meadow in Golden Gate Park on specified dates and times in July and August 1990.

f. **CANDLESTICK PARK** — **RES. NO. 15704**
APPROVAL OF PERMIT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the permit for City Park to use Parcel 4977, Lot #6 near Candlestick Park and ratification of negotiated annual fee.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

g. **AIDS WALK** **RES. NO. 15705**
PERMIT FEE

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the permit fee for AIDS Walk to be held on July 22, 1990.

h. **A LA CARTE, A LA PARK** **RES. NO. 15706**
PERMIT FEE

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the permit fee for A'La Carte, A'La Park to be held on September 1, 2, 3, 1990.

i. **SILVER TREE/PINE LAKE DAY CAMPS** **RES. NO. 15707**
FEE SURCHARGE

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the fee surcharge for Silver Tree/Pine Lake Day Camps.

j. **SAN FRANCISCO YOUTH FAIR** **RES. NO. 15708**
PERMIT FEE

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the permit fee agreement for Third Annual San Francisco Youth Fair to be held August 31 through September 3, 1990.

l. **DUFFEY CONTRACT (ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYST)** **RES. NO. 15709**
APPROVAL OF CONTRACT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the contract to the Duffey Company to provide services as an environmental analyst for fiscal year 1990-91.

m. **RESURFACING OF COURTS** **RES. NO. 15710**
AWARD OF CONTRACT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the award of contract in the amount of $291,000, to Inter-Coastal, a joint-venture, to resurface courts at various locations.

n. **POTRERO HILL RECREATION CENTER BASKETBALL TEAM** **RES. NO. 15711**
HAWAIIAN TOUR

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Potrero Hill Recreation Center Basketball's team Hawaiian tour.

Note: Item 4k was removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

General Manager Mary E. Burns, explained that this item calls for continuation of a contract for security guard services at the Zoo. Prior to obtaining services under contract, City Departments must prove that the services will be provided at a cost less than if performed by City employees. During this year's budget process, Mr. Arnold, then the Interim Zoo Director, proposed that this contract be terminated and that City employees (Park Patrol Officers) be used. It has now been determined that it would be more cost effective to continue with the private security guard service. This item requests funding for a one year extension of the contract in the amount of $215,000 to provide security service at the Zoo.

On motion of Commissioner Guggenhime, seconded by Commissioner Orr, the following resolution was adopted:

k. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS **RES. NO. 15712**
SECURITY GUARD SERVICES

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Proposition "J" certification for Security Guard Services at the San Francisco Zoological Gardens, in an amount not to exceed $215,000 for fiscal year 1990-91.

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

Ratification of the following animal transactions (which were processed under Resolution No. 13572) for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens:

SOLD TO: Wildlife Associates
Shamrock Ranch
Pacifica, California 94044

One (1) male Currasow, valued at $75.00. Payment to be made to the Animal Purchase Account

SOLD TO: San Diego Zoo
P. O. Box 551
San Diego, California 92112
USDA #93-C-40

One (1) male white rhinoceros, valued at $1.00. Payment to be made to the Animal Purchase Account.

ACTION: This item was removed from the calendar.

6. LITTLE MARINA GREEN / MULTIPLE DAY EVENT
1990 U.S. BOARDSAILING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Approval of request from Events West in conjunction with the St. Francis Yacht Club to reserve space at the Little Marina Green ("Sunbather's Area") from 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 21 through 12:00 noon, Monday, August 27, 1990 for the presentation of the 1990 U.S. Boardsailing Championships.

Assistant Superintendent for the Cultural Division, Peter Ashe, explained that this item is a request to approve the second annual boardsailing event at the Marina Green. Part of the Marina Green parking lot and the northern half of Little Marina Green West will be used for this event. There were a few minor problems with last year's event and Mr. Ashe recommended approval.

General Manager Mary E. Burns' asked about the status of the permit fee for this event. Mr. Ashe explained that the issue had been resolved.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, on motion of Commissioner Orr, seconded by Commissioner McAteer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15713

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request from Events West in conjunction with the St. Francis Yacht Club to reserve space at the Little Marina Green ("Sunbather's Area") from 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 21 through 12:00 noon, Monday, August 27, 1990 for the presentation of the 1990 U.S. Boardsailing Championships.

7. ADOPTION OF PARK POLICY
LITTLE MARINA GREEN

Approval to establish a Commission policy restricting the playing of soccer at any time on the Little Marina Green ("Sunbather's Area"), restricting volleyball play on the Little Marina Green at designated times and in designated areas and prominent posting of these regulations on the Little Marina Green.

Assistant Superintendent for the Cultural Division, Peter Ashe, explained that staff has received a number of complaints from passive recreators who use the Little Marina West area and a growing conflict with two other user groups, volleyball and soccer players. Mr. Ashe explained that soccer play is prohibited at the Marina Green because a soccer ball is heavy and can cause injury. Although soccer is prohibited on the large Marina Green, enforcement has been lax. Staff proposed dedicating the Southern portion of Little Marina Green West for volleyball play every day and to restrict the Northern portion of Little Marina Green West from volleyball play prior to 6:00 p.m. He felt it was not safe to house passive recreators and volleyball play in the same area. He explained that there have been instances where passive users are relaxing on the Green when another group arrives and sets up a volleyball game leaving little choice for the passive user. Mr. Ashe was attempting to reduce this conflict by adopting the proposed policy. He held a meeting with representatives from the volleyball leagues who are amenable to this arrangement.

7. ADOPTION OF PARK POLICY
LITTLE MARINA GREEN (Continued)

The proposed policy would:

- Establish a Commission policy totally restricting the playing of soccer at any time on the Little Marina.
- Restrict volleyball play on the Little Marina Green prior to 6:00 p.m., save for the non-restricted volleyball area so designated by staff.
- Provide prominent posting of the regulations on the Little Marina.

Public Testimony

Kent Graham, representing the Doubles Volleyball Players Assn., presented a diagram which would afford free play for soccer, designate the mid-section of the Little Marina Green area for 5 volleyball nets, and give the back area to sunbathers. He stated that this pattern has been used for over 20 years without problems. In addition, he asked that a permanent court be designated near the restroom and that he be permitted to place a storage box at this location for volleyball materials. He noted that a few conflict instances have occurred but urged that his proposal be adopted as the permanent usage pattern. He presented signatures of over 250 persons who concurred with this proposal.

Wallace Leite, representing the soccer players, explained that he has been playing soccer since he was a child and never heard of an incident where a soccer ball caused injury. He noted that those who play soccer on the Little Marina Green area are not professionals and that they enjoy bringing their family to this area and kicking the ball around. He has been playing soccer at the Marina for 10 years and wanted to continue.

Giulio Tempesto, representing the soccer players at the Marina, explained that he has been playing at the Marina for a number of years and never had trouble. During the week there are no more than 25-30 sunbathers using the area and the "soccer play" area is uncrowded. He noted that the ball has never injured others and they have great concern for other park users. He wanted to continue playing soccer at this area and did not want the Commission to prohibit soccer at the Marina.

Tanya Pluwar, disagreed with the previous statements and explained that she goes to the Marina often and on many occasions has been forced to leave the area for fear that she would be hit on the head by stray balls from either volleyball or soccer games. She was opposed to any form of ball playing at the Marina Green.

Dr. Larry Lipkind, a user of the Marina Green area for 25 years, explained that in the past 4-5 years volleyball players have been setting up their courts in the middle of the Marina Green and that the other park users must relocate or be struck with a volleyball. He recounted an altercation with a volleyball player who refused to relocate setting up his net. He felt that there was a poor attitude among some of the volleyball players.

7. ADOPTION OF PARK POLICY
LITTLE MARINA GREEN (Continued)

Art Foger, explained that he was a baseball and softball umpire, who has visited the Marina Green and observed the area. He felt that during the week there is plenty of room for all types of ballplaying and there are few sunbathers. On the weekends there is not enough room for sunbathers, volleyball and soccer activities on the Marina Green. He had witnessed a stray ball almost striking a small child and noted that the player did not care if the ball caused an injury.

Ken Fisken, spoke in support of Mr. Graham's proposal to use the entire Marina Green area for all the uses described. He explained that he has peacefully co-existed with soccer players on one end, volleyball games in the middle, and to intrude as little as possible on the sunbathers. He had witnessed very few altercations and felt that everyone goes to this area because it is a relatively wind-free and to enjoy outdoor recreation.

Suzie W. Danbury, spoke in support of the volleyball proposal as outlined by Mr. Graham. She noted that the comment made where a volleyball player was rude to a passive user in the Marina was an isolated incident and did not represent all of the volleyball users of that area.

Shelley Breslow, representing a Thursday evening volleyball league, explained that she would like to see volleyball allowed all the time during the day at the Marina. She did not think it was necessary to have restrictions imposed on the weekday and felt that on the weekend there is a problem because more people tend to come to the Marina Green to play volleyball.

Maggie Nelson, stated that the Department spent a great deal of money installing a sprinkler system and new turf on the Little Marina Green and that frequently this turf is too soft for organized play. She felt another area could be found and designated for volleyball play other than the Marina Green.

Mark Edwards, discussed the demarcation of the Marina Green volleyball play area and noted that if volleyball is pushed southward it will be closer to the roadway where a ball could regularly go into traffic. He stated that volleyball has grown in popularity in the last 2 years and that many of the sunbathers come to the area to interact with other park users. He did not want to lose the tradition of playing volleyball at the Marina Green.

In response to Commissioner Eickman's question, Mr. Ashe explained that soccer is prohibited at the Marina Green and the Department has been unable to enforce the prohibition through lack of staff. He further noted that soccer play tends to tear the turf through the action of the game and the type of shoes used.

Commissioner Eickman did not think it was acceptable to play soccer at the Little Marina Green area and asked if it had ever been allowed on the large Marina Green.

Mr. Ashe speculated that it would damage the turf. He noted that most people like the Little Marina Green because of the wind seclusion.

7. **ADOPTION OF PARK POLICY**
LITTLE MARINA GREEN (Continued)

Superintendent of Parks, Barney Barron, explained that if soccer was permitted on the large Marina Green on an on-going basis at some point it would begin to have wear spots and discolor. In addition, the residents prefer green turf and the berthholders who maintain the area out of revenues generated from berth fees would most likely be unhappy with discoloration of the turf.

General Manager Mary E. Burns, noted that this matter is an issue of competing uses for a very limited park space. The Department has parks available for different uses, some of which are purely passive, others that are active. She noted that turf areas are very difficult to maintain and that it is unfortunate that restrictions must be imposed in order to accommodate the many active users.

Commissioner Guggenhime assumed that the Marina Green soccer players do not wear cleats and volleyball play on the street side could cause problems with volleyballs going in the street.

Mr. Ashe noted that the volleyball players bring nets and markers and that wind screens could strategically be placed so that balls would not run out to the street.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, on motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Harris, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15714

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the establishment of a policy prohibiting the playing of soccer at any time on the Little Marina Green ("Sunbather's Area"), restricting volleyball play on the Little Marina Green at designated times and in designated areas and prominent posting of these regulations on the Little Marina Green.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Eickman, Harris, O'Connor, Orr
Noes: Commissioners Guggenhime, McAteer

8. **PUSH CART/MOBILE CATERING VENDORS**
VARIOUS PARKS AND LOCATIONS

Approval of various parks and locations to place push cart/mobile catering vendors.

Lucinda Pope Scanlan, Director of Property Management, explained that this item relates to the placement of catering vendors at various park properties. The intent of this item is to: (1) generate revenues for the Department, (2) provide services to the public, and (3) control and discourage vending without a permit which occurs at some of the neighborhood parks. This item was approved conceptually by the Commission as part of the revenue package for the current fiscal year. The Property Management Section worked closely with the Park and Recreation staff to designate appropriate locations for vending sites. Staff also held a public hearing on this matter on 3/28/90. As staff proceeds to develop the concession bid package, specified sites within each location will be

8. **PUSH CART/MOBILE CATERING VENDORS**
VARIOUS PARKS AND LOCATIONS (Continued)

designated. The bid package will consider and address: the control of litter generated by catering, vending of alcohol, and the type of catering (eg, cart or mobile truck) to be used at the park location. None of the elements of the proposal conflict with the current agreement with Hom & Pon.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, on motion of Commissioner Guggenhime, seconded by Commissioner McAteer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15715

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the following parks and locations to place push cart/mobile catering vendors:

Golden Gate Park Sites	Usual Activities	Business Day
Beach Chalet Soccer Field	Sporting events	Weekend
Big Rec Baseball Field	Sporting events	Weekend
Polo Field	Sporting events	Weekend
Spreckles Lake	Model Yachts/pedestrians	Daily
JFK Drive/6th Ave.	Skaters/pedestrians	Weekend
Kezar Pavilion	Sporting events	Special event
Great Highway	Ocean beach visitors	Weekend
Lindley Meadow	Special events	Weekend
Marx Meadow/Lloyd Lake	Special events	Weekend
Speedway Meadow	Special events	Weekend
Herbert Hoover Redwood Grove	Art Shows	Weekend
Mother's Meadow	Children's area	Weekend

Neighborhood Sites	Usual Activities	Business Day
Moscone Baseball Field	Sporting events	Weekend/Summer
Washington Square	Heavy use by residents	Daily
Rossi Playground	Sporting events	Weekend/Summer
Crocker Amazon	Sporting/Special Events	Weekend/Summer
Balboa Soccer Stadium	Sporting events	Weekend/Summer
Coit Tower	Tourist Area	Daily
Marina Green	Heavy use/Special events	Weekend/Summer
West Sunset	Sporting events	Weekend/Summer
Mission Dolores	Heavy use/Special events	Weekend/Summer

9. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
STRYBING ARBORETUM AND BOTANICAL GARDENS
RELOCATION OF NURSERY/CONSTRUCTION OF NURSERY/EDUCATIONAL FACILITY

Conceptual approval of relocation of nursery and construction of the nursery/educational facility at the Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens, Golden Gate Park.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that this item is a request to move the location of the Arboretum's greenhouse. The proposal is to move the greenhouse to the western section of the Arboretum and to reconstruct an educational facility and restroom which burned over 7 years ago. The current nursery/greenhouse facility is in a very low elevation and is not conducive for developing plants. There will be a slight increase in the actual square footage of the building which will necessitate approval by the Board of Supervisors, pursuant to Charter Section 3.552.

9. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
STRYBING ARBORETUM AND BOTANICAL GARDENS
RELOCATION OF NURSERY/CONSTRUCTION OF NURSERY/EDUCATIONAL FACILITY
(Continued)

Jack O'Brien, representing the Arboretum Society, explained that the present nursery is located in the coldest area, 30' below grade on Lincoln Way, gets very little winter sunlight and plants freeze during the wintertime. The new location will be at a higher grade with better sun conditions. The proposed educational facility will enable the Arboretum to provide outreach to children, minority groups, and the school system and to educate people about horticultural activities. He outlined the proposed site of the nursery which will be in an undeveloped site of the Arboretum, west of 14th Avenue/Lincoln Way. Approximately 8-10 large trees will have to be removed, all of which are 80-90 years old and due for reforestation. Preliminary plans include planting of berms so that the greenhouse structure will be screened.

On recommendation of the Golden Gate Park Committee, and on motion of Commissioner McAteer, seconded by Commissioner Orr, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15716

RESOLVED, That this Commission grants conceptual approval of relocation of nursery and construction of the nursery/educational facility at the Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens, Golden Gate Park.

10. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
CONSERVATORY OF FLOWERS
CONSERVATORY AUXILIARY

Consideration to extend the lease with the Conservatory Auxiliary for operation of various concessions at the Conservatory of Flowers, Golden Gate Park.

Lucinda Pope Scanlan, Director of Property Management, explained that a lease was entered into with the Conservatory Auxiliary in 1985 for 5 years plus an option for an additional for 5 year term. The Conservatory Auxiliary pays a nominal rent to the Department and the admissions collected at the Conservatory go directly to the Department. It is required that all monies generated at the Conservatory be expended for the Conservatory. The Department has review and approval rights to the Conservatory Auxiliary budget which will be calendared for consideration at a future Commission meeting.

On recommendation of the Golden Gate Park Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Harris, seconded by Commissioner Orr, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15717

RESOLVED, That this Commission extends the the lease with the Conservatory Auxiliary for operation of various concessions at the Conservatory of Flowers, Golden Gate Park.

11. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
REVENUE PROJECTIONS

Update to the Commission on the Recreation and Park Department's revenue projections.

Budget Officer, Etai Chen, explained that this item is an overview of the revenue projections for next year. She explained that the Department planned on $15.8 million in revenues for fiscal year 1989-90 but the revised projection is $14.7 million, a reduction of $1.1 million. The predominate reason for this shortfall is the low admissions at the Zoo, Japanese Tea Garden, and Coit Tower. Less people are visiting the City, presumably as a result of the 10/17/89 earthquake. There has also been a large reduction, approximately $400,000, from the parking revenues. There has been an increase in the golf revenue as a result of the fee increase imposed on 1/90.

The 1990-91 forecast projects that the $1.1 million reduction will be made up in with new fees and charges, such as the Zoo admission increase recently approved. The Marketing Division is also soliciting new ventures to generate revenues. The projected revenue for 1990-91 is $16.4 million.

In response to President O'Connor's question regarding the Beach Chalet lease, Ms. Scanlan explained that staff has received proposals from 3 different groups and is working on developing a package for Commission review.

12. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
MARKETING PROGRAM

Report to the Commission on the Recreation and Park Department Marketing Program.

Marketing Manager, Karen Knight, highlighted the marketing efforts to date, explaining that there is much interest in special events at Recreation and Park properties. Most of staff's time has been spent on setting up programs to take to travel agents. She noted that the Department does not have the basic equipment required for marketing such as furniture, tenting materials, linens, etc. Department services are now listed in the Travel Planning Guide, a travel directory with 20,000 subscribers. Staff is developing operational procedures to support Department programs and trying to establish a customer base which will use Recreation and Park facilities for their events.

13. **SOUTH END ROWING CLUB**

Consideration on the various charges made concerning the South End Rowing Club. (NOTE: The Commission may convene in Executive Session pursuant to Section 54956.9(b) of the California Government Code to discuss potential litigation regarding this matter.)

13. SOUTH END ROWING CLUB (Continued)

Lucinda Pope Scanlan, Director of Property Management, explained that, based on advice from the City Attorney, it is premature for staff to recommend that the Commission to take conclusive action on this matter. Diddo Clark, a South End Rowing Club member, has brought a number of charges against the Club centering on sexual discrimination, public access and lease compliance questions. Because of the very serious nature of the charges, staff has been working closely with the City Attorney's Office to carefully investigate each charge. The investigation has not been completed. Staff is also soliciting input from the Human Rights Commission and the Commission on the Status of Women in its review of the issues. Lengthy meetings have been held with both Ms. Clark and members of the South End Rowing Club to discuss the issues.

The Finance Division has also met with representatives from both the Dolphin and South End Rowing Clubs to begin a process of developing a comprehensive written policy for public access to the Clubs. Staff expects that this revised policy will amend the existing policies regarding individual public access to the Club and will address the question of access to the Club by groups or events. It is hoped that the establishment of a clear, comprehensive written policy for public access to the clubs will help to clarify issues.

Staff proposes scheduling a public hearing on the matter with the various City agency representatives previously discussed, the full Board from the South End Rowing Club, all interested members of the Club and the public. It is believed that this meeting will help to clarify the facts and issues.

Diddo Clark, representing Golden Gate Swimmers, thanked the staff for doing their investigation. She explained that most of the issues can wait for completion of the investigation with the exception of her suspension from the Club. She stated that the South End Rowing Club is punishing her for creating the Point Bonita Swim and asked the Commission to remove the punishment because it is unjustified. She stated that the Club is prohibiting public access. She urged that the South End Rowing Club: (1) remove the punishment imposed upon her, (2) stop discriminating against its own members who are associated with the Point Bonita Swim, and (3) allow the participants of the Point Bonita Swim to land on the Club beach on 9/16/90 and warm up in the Club facilities.

Richard Warren, participated in the Point Bonita Swim the last 2 years and stressed that it was a very safe enterprise which has many boats escorting the swimmers. He recounted the unfair treatment afforded the Point Bonita swimmers the night before last year's swim and expressed his outrage. He explained that many of the Point Bonita swimmers arrive at the beach with hypothermia and to be denied the comforts of the facility is wrong. He explained that Ms. Clark has worked hard on the swim and received no assistance from the Club which should be the obvious supporter for this type of swim.

Fred Rogers, spoke in support of Ms. Clark and her swim. He stated that it is imperative to have the use of the facilities after a Bay swim because many of the swimmers suffer from hypothermia and need to be wrapped in blankets and given treatment.

13. **SOUTH END ROWING CLUB (Continued)**

Harlow Meyers, joined the club in September, 1958 and echoed the testimony given. He felt that Ms. Clark should be allowed access to the Club and supported her rights.

Frank C. Drum, spoke in support of Diddo Clark and on behalf of the swimmers who want to participate in the various swims. He explained that organizing these types of swims requires much effort. He displayed photographs of the facility when the City was operating the club. He urged the Commission to allow these people to swim and use the facility.

4:00 p.m. to 4:20 p.m. the Commission convened in Executive Session.

Commissioner Orr explained that the Commission was very concerned about this matter and while there has not been a final resolution it looks likely that there are violations of the lease and serious problems. He stated that the Commission expects staff to continue to review this matter and to find a resolution. He then made a motion that the Commission strongly urge the Board of the South End Rowing Club to withdraw the sanctions against Diddo Clark immediately as a show of goodwill and as a first step to working out these problems.

On motion of Commissioner Orr, seconded by Commissioner Guggenhime, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15718

RESOLVED, That this Commission strongly urges that the South End Rowing Club withdraw the sanctions imposed upon Ms. Diddo Clark.

14. **SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM**

Approval of the proposed settlement of the litigated claim of John Aitken in the amount of $15,000.00. (NOTE: The Commission may convene in Executive Session pursuant to Section 54956.9(c) of the California Government Code to discuss potential litigation regarding this matter.)

Note: This item was removed from the Calendar.

15. **LAKE MERCED BOATHOUSE ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE**

Approval of Assignment of Lake Merced Boathouse Lease to Desert Lake Development, Inc. (NOTE: The Commission may convene in Executive Session pursuant to Section 54956.9(c) of the California Government Code to discuss potential litigation regarding this matter.)

Note: This item was removed from the Calendar.

16. SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY FAIR
1990 BUDGET

Revision to the budget for the 1990 County Fair in an amount not to exceed $240,000.

Fair Manager, Ethan Hirsch, explained that the Flower Show has existed over 50 years and will change this year without interfering with the elements of the original fair. The fair draws approximately 7,000 people over a 3-day weekend and he felt there was a way to generate more interest for this event. The 1990 approved budget was $200,000. Mr. Hirsch requested a $40,000 increase based upon his analysis of the cost to operate the new expanded fair. The State of California, Division of Fairs and Expositions, has approved this amount and any loss projected over $240,000, will be reimbursed by the State.

On motion of Commissioner Guggenhime, seconded by Commissioner Harris, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15719

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the revision to the budget for the 1990 County Fair in an amount not to exceed $240,000.

17. DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY
TELEGRAPH HILL

Declaration of emergency to remove rock on Telegraph Hill which is in danger of falling on property below. Estimated cost of removal is $250,000.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that, as a result of the 10/17/89 earthquake, a major crack was discovered on Telegraph Hill. The fissure, in Northern section of the Hill, is in danger of falling on a development below. The Department of Public Works recommends that the rock area be removed. The estimated cost of removal is $250,000. The Department does not have sufficient funds to repair the fissure. Staff is recommending a Declaration of Emergency to the Board of Supervisors which will enable the Department to request funding to repair this hazardous condition as soon as possible.

In response to President O'Connor's question, Mr. Arnold explained that the Department has known about this situation for 2-3 months but did not know how serious it was until an engineer's report was received.

On motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Orr, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15720

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Declaration of Emergency and a request for funds in the amount of $250,000 to remove rock on Telegraph Hill which is in danger of falling on property below.

18. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS

On motion of Commissioner Guggenhime, seconded by Commissioner Eickman, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15721

RESOLVED, That this Commission accepts the following gifts valued at $2,500.00, for the Recreation and Park Department:

a. From St. Anthony's Foundation, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $1,000.00, for summer concerts at Boeddeker Park.

b. From Smith & Hawken, 1,500 assorted Lily corms, valued at $1,500.00, for Golden Gate Park.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate letters of thanks be sent to the donors.

19. PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission. Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President or the Commission may limit the total testimony to 30 minutes.

Note: No Public Comment was received.

20. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President O'Connor explained that she took a behind the scenes tour at the Zoo with the Zoo Director, General Manager and Deputy Mayor Myra Snyder. She stated that it was refreshing to hear Mr. Anderson discuss his ideas, goals and vision for the Zoo and to have someone who is committed and dedicated to better the Zoo.

21. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following Committee reports were submitted to the Commission:

Joint Zoo Committee Meeting of April 10, 1990
Recreation Program and Mather Committee Meeting of April 25, 1990
Parks and Planning Committee Meeting of May 3, 1990
Finance and Administration Committee Meeting of May 3, 1990

22. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the 648th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

Note: These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Recreation and Park Commission on matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological order in which the matters were taken up.

San Francisco, California
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649TH REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 1990 - 2:00 P.M.

The Six Hundred and Forty-Ninth Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, June 21, 1990, at 2:00 p.m. by President Connie O'Connor.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:
Commissioner Connie O'Connor, President
Commissioner Keith Eickman, Vice President
Commissioner Richard J. Guggenhime (noted present at 2:10 p.m.)
Commissioner Trent Orr
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz

Absent:
Commissioner Tommy Harris
Commissioner Frances McAteer

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Orr, the minutes of the Special Meeting with the City Planning Commission of May 10, 1990

On motion of Commissioner Orr, seconded by Commissioner Eickman, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 17, 1990, were approved as presented.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Eickman, O'Connor, Orr, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioner Guggenhime

2:10 p.m. Commissioner Guggenhime arrived at the meeting.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Mary E. Burns, submitted the following report:

"COMMENDATIONS

Today we have with us Tony Colonnese and Herman Edmunds who through their brave and courageous efforts rescued Alan Feinberg from an attack by a female Persian Leopard at the San Francisco Zoo. The attack occurred on Tuesday, May 29, and these two senior keepers fought the leopard off Alan, removed him from the exhibit cage, and transported him to the Zoo hospital. At this time Myra Snyder, Deputy Mayor, will present Tony and Herman with Certificates of Commendation.

1990-91 BUDGET HEARINGS

Staff has appeared before the Board of Supervisors' Finance Committee three times regarding its budget, and is requested to appear again tomorrow to address major unresolved issues. At issue are the following:

1) Proposed closure of Sharon Arts Studio;

2) Reduction in hours of operation of the pools;

3) Increase in fees for San Francisco children, youth and seniors at San Francisco Zoo;

4) Discussion of whether the Recreation and Park Department could charge Clean Water rent for property occupied at the Zoo; and

5) Addition of position of clerk at Zoo to assist with medical records.

Since only the Finance Committee has received information on the Mayor's proposed budget reductions, attached is a report that gives details on those items.

WATER CONSERVATION UPDATE

The Park Division was at 60% compliance during the month of May. Three Hundred forty-two meters were read during that month, some of which were over our monthly allotment. Those areas which are out of compliance will be strictly monitored on a regular basis and every attempt made to bring them into line with our monthly allotments.

SENIOR WEEK AT CAMP MATHER

At your places you will find an article from Monday's Examiner on the annual Senior Outing to Camp Mather. Once again, many new and veteran senior citizens got together to attend the 13th Annual Senior Citizen Camp Mather Excursion held June 11 through the 15th. One Hundred forty-five senior citizens departed early Monday morning from various pickup points throughout San Francisco. A lunch and rest stop in Oakdale made the four-hour trip a little more enjoyable, giving everyone a chance to eat and socialize. Upon arrival at Camp, they were surprised by a reporter from the San Francisco Examiner who rushed through Camp interviewing and taking photographs. The next Senior outing to Camp Mather will be in August and we expect an even larger group to attend.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

SPORTS CAMP

The Recreation Division Sports Camp opened on June 18 with an enrollment of 120 youngsters. The Camp will emphasize sports skills and abilities that will be taught to the participants, using a variety of Recreation and Park Department facilities. Camp Coordinator, Jim Jackson, should be commended for his excellent work in developing and implementing what has proven to be one of our premier activities in the Recreation and Park Department. The remainder of the day camps will open July 2.

EARTH OPTIONS ENVIRONMENTAL FAIR

Earth Options Environmental Fair was held at Fort Mason Pavilion June 15-17, 1990. Recreation and Park Department staff from the Finance Office and the Zoo, members of the Zoo Society and docents from the Randall Museum participated in this event. Approximately 20,000 people attended the Fair. Membership information for the Randall Museum, Friends of Recreation and Parks and the Zoological Society was distributed along with various Department brochures. This Fair provided a great amount of positive exposure for the Department.

GOLF COURSE RECOGNITION

On Thursday, May 31st in the San Francisco Examiner sports section, Mark Soltau wrote an article "The Divine Nine" that featured nine dream holes in Northern California. Two of our golf holes -- the 16th at Harding and the 17th at Lincoln were included. A copy of the article is at your place. Kudos to Bob Killian and staff.

COMPLETED CAPITAL PROJECT

Crocker Amazon parking lot was completed the end of May. Funding for this project was through the 1987 Park Bond. Approximately 100 cars will now be able to park within the lot alleviating the need to park along Geneva Avenue which has created erosion problems in that area. In addition to the parking lot improvements, the project scope was expanded to include pavement of the Crocker Amazon hard surface court areas. The total project cost was $150,000.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS

Each month for a trial period of one year, you have asked for a review of claims settled by the City Attorney's Office under a new ordinance. These include unlitigated claims up to $5,000 which have not come before this Commission and were settled by the City Attorney's Office.

Claimant	Amount
Marie Clyde	$ 589.00
Hubert Donalds	104.76
Carol Edgarian	552.10
Barbara Gervasio	750.00
Robert Jackson	565.00
Lawrence Laino	332.00
Robert Levy	250.00
Yin Feon Ma	4,668.00
Eileen Murphy	20.00
Jason Stillwater	1,378.00
John Yencer	536.66

INSECT ZOO

"What's Bugging You Day" will be held at the Insect Zoo this Sunday, June 24, between 10:30 - 4:30 p.m. Each year the San Francisco Insect Zoo sponsors a special event to educate the general public about the fascinating world of insects. This year butterfly conservation, beekeeping and biological control will be highlighted. Over a dozen experts will be on hand to answer questions from zoogoers on butterfly gardening, spiders in the home, termite detection, lyme disease and more. There will be a special appearance by Spider-Man and the Fly. For all who collected stamps as children, and perhaps still do, a new exhibit of "Insects on Stamps" will be open.

RETIREMENTS

Al Ottoboni, Chief Nursery Specialist in charge of the nursery since 1964 and an employee of the Department since 1956, left the Recreation and Park Department this month to begin retirement. The effective date of his retirement will be June 30, 1990. Also retiring this month is Bob Merlo, Nurseryman, one of Al's "right-hand men," who has been with the Department since 1969.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, June 27, 1990	Recreation Program and Mather Committee, 3:30 p.m., Father Boeddeker Park
Friday, June 29, 1990	Recreation and Park Department Third Annual "Night with the Giants." Tailgate Party (Tailgate Area #1) 6:00 p.m., Game 7:35 p.m.
Monday, July 2, 1990	Golden Gate Park Committee, 3:00 p.m., McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, July 4, 1990	Fourth of July Holiday
Thursday, July 5, 1990	Parks and Planning Committee, 9:00 a.m., McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, July 11, 1990	Joint Zoo Committee, 4:00 p.m., S.F. Zoo
Thursday, July 12, 1990	Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee, 4:00 p.m., McLaren Lodge"

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

President Eickman asked for clarification on Items 4b (Randall Museum) and Item 4q (San Francisco Giants Field Maintenance Agreement).

Park Planner Deborah Learner explained that Item 4b increases the contract so the architect can perform design work for disability access requirements at the Randall Museum.

General Manager Mary E. Burns, explained that the field maintenance contract requires the Commission to approve the contract. The increase to the contract is based on the 1990-91 salary standardization.

On motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Guggenhime, ratification of the following resolutions, which are processed under Resolution No. 13572:

a. **Personnel Matters** **RES. NO. 15722**

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period May 3, 1990 through June 6, 1990.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR** (Continued)

b. **RANDALL MUSEUM** — **RES. NO. 15723**
MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the modification of consultant contract in the amount of $7,950 to ELS Architects for additional design services.

c. **MARINA GREEN (WEST)** — **RES. NO. 15724**
INSTALLATION OF TRANSFORMER

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request from the State of California to install an electrical lighting transformer in the street near the sunbathers' area of the Marina Green.

d. **SHARP PARK** — **RES. NO. 15725**
ROADWAY ALIGNMENT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the ordinance and City of Pacifica purchase contract for the conveyance of the necessary right of way through Sharp Park for the realignment and widening of Sharp Park Road.

e. **GOLDEN GATE PARK** — **RES. NO. 15726**
ROAD CLOSURES
CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO MARATHON 90

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the amendment for route change and road closures from City of San Francisco Marathon 90 scheduled for Sunday, July 1, 1990 from 8:00 a.m. until 9:45 a.m.

f. **SAN FRANCISCO MARATHON** — **RES. NO. 15727**
PERMIT FEE

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the permit fee for San Francisco Marathon to be held on July 1, 1990.

g. **GOLDEN GATE PARK/SHARON MEADOW** — **RES. NO. 15728**
TWO-DAY EVENT
SAN FRANCISCO REGGAE FESTIVAL

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request from the First Annual San Francisco Reggae Festival for use of Sharon Meadow scheduled for Saturday, October 6 and Sunday, October 7, 1990 at specified times.

h. **GOLDEN GATE PARK** — **RES. NO. 15729**
TWO-DAY EVENT
PANHANDLE

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request from Summit Broadcasting to hold the 5th Annual San Francisco City (Basketball) Championships on June 30 and July 1, 1990 at specified times at the Panhandle Playground.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

i. JUNETEENTH FESTIVAL — RES. NO. 15730
TWO-DAY EVENT
HAMILTON RECREATION CENTER

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the request from Western Addition Cultural Center to use the grassy field at Hamilton Recreation Center for the Juneteenth Festival on Saturday, June 16 and Sunday, June 17, 1990 at specified times.

j. JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA — RES. NO. 15731
TWO-DAY EVENT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request from Bay Area Seafarers Service to reserve the stage area near the Vaillancourt Fountain at Justin Herman Plaza for a book sale on September 20 and 21, 1990 at specified times.

k. GOLDEN GATE PARK TENNIS COURTS — RES. NO. 15732
LEASE AMENDMENT AND RENT CREDIT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the lease amendment and rent credit not to exceed $2,500 for Golden Gate Park Tennis for court resurfacing.

l. NURSERY SCHOOLS — RES. NO. 15733
LEASE RENEWAL AND RENTAL FEE

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the annual lease renewal and monthly rental fee of each nursery school.

m. ADMINISTRATIVE CODE SECTION 10.160 — RES. NO. 15734
SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY FAIR

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the amendment to Administrative Code section 10.160 to authorize $10,000 revolving fund for the San Francisco County Fair.

n. GOLDEN GATE PARK STABLES LEASE — RES. NO. 15735

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the administrative correction of assignment of Golden Gate Park Stables Lease substituting tenant corporate name of Golden Gate Park Stables, Inc. for San Francisco Equestrian, Inc.

o. ST. BONIFACE CHURCH LEASE — RES. NO. 15736
TENDERLOIN RECREATION CENTER

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the first lease option for the lease of St. Boniface Church space for operation of Tenderloin Recreation Center.

p. SAN FRANCISCO AIDS FOUNDATION AIDSWALK — RES. NO. 15737
IN-KIND SERVICE

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the in-kind service for San Francisco AIDS Foundation AIDSWALK in place of permit fee.

q. **SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS FIELD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT** **RES. NO. 15738**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the 1990 San Francisco Giants Field Maintenance Agreement.

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS**

David Anderson, Zoo Director, explained that the Zoological Gardens sold the currasow because the bird was considered surplus to the Zoo's needs.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Orr, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15739

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the animal transaction (which was processed under Resolution No. 13572) for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens:

SOLD TO: Wildlife Associates
Shamrock Ranch
Pacifica, California 94044

One (1) male Currasow, valued at $75.00. Payment to be made to the Animal Purchase Account

6. **JULIUS KAHN PLAYGROUND CLUBHOUSE EXPANSION**

Approval of conceptual building design plan to expand the clubhouse at Julius Kahn Playground.

Deborah Learner, Park Planner, explained that this item is a proposal to provide a "gift in place" in the form of an expanded clubhouse at Julius Kahn playground. The building is located on Presidio property and the Presidio grants an operating license to the Department. A series of approvals are required for this project including an environmental assessment. The project was reviewed at a community meeting where concern was expressed regarding the height of the building and how it would fit into the site. The Presidio Heights Association of Neighbors has approved this project. The building is proposed to be moved within the cluster of trees that surround the existing structure at the park. The design is an octagonal structure, with an open space in the center. The heighest point in the building is 24'6", with the average height being 14'6". Roll-down doors/panels will be placed at each of the 4 openings so that the building can be secured. The building will include a small kitchen wall, storage area, director's office and activity room. The building is very efficient and compact.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Orr, seconded by Commissioner Eickman, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15740

RESOLVED, That this Commission conceptually approves the building design plan to expand the clubhouse at Julius Kahn Playground

7. SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS
INDEMNIFICATION CLAUSE OF LEASE

Discussion of the request of the San Francisco Forty Niners to amend the indemnification clause of their current lease.

Mary E. Burns, General Manager, explained that the Commission approved a lease amendment in 12/89, which was mostly a series of housekeeping items. Some of the items contained in the lease amendment relate to the luxury suites, clarifying the seats set aside for City use, defining the newly constructed seats details of the parking lot, what happens to the Stadium Club when the Giants lease expires, etc. Other items include jurisdiction of areas between the stadium walls and the parking lot, clarification of the percentage rent language, addition of a late payment penalty fee as requested by the Controller, exemption of press box food sales from rent payments, compliance with Controller's audit recommendations on accounting procedures, addition of non-discrimination clause provision and the addition of language to incorporate parking lot operations into the lease.

The outstanding issue relates to the indemnification clause which was contained in the lease which the 49ers signed in the 1960s. This clause requires the 49ers to indemnify the City against accidents, claims, etc. The Commission instructed staff at the 12/89 meeting to work with the 49ers to see if agreement could be reached on this issue. Ms. Burns explained that while she understood why the 49ers would want to modify this clause, the City Attorney's Office explained that this clause was included in the lease as a result of good, hard negotiating on the part of the City. She concurred with the City Attorney's recommendation to not modify the language unless the City were to get something fairly substantial in return. Ms. Burns explained that she had reviewed the leases for other football teams but did not find any common indemnification language in those leases.

Ms. Burns further explained that the 49ers modified some of the proposed language which would now read: "...."**except judgments or claims for personal or bodily injuries to or death of persons or damage to property caused by the active negligence or willful misconduct of city, its agents or employees on the demised premises.**" The Candlestick Park and Golf Committee recommended the amended language as proposed by the 49ers and asked staff to prepare a summation of the lease amendment as a whole. This matter will ultimately have be reviewed and approved by the Board of Supervisors and Mayor.

Commissioner Guggenhime explained that the 49ers proposed deletion of the word "active" and the City Attorney's Office did not want this word deleted from the clause. He asked staff to provide a summary of all claims which have been filed during football season at Candlestick Park.

Ms. Burns explained that if the City were to be responsible for defending claims at Candlestick Park it would have to begin to budget for the City Attorney's time as well as allocate monies from the Candlestick Park Fund to pay for claims.

On motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the Commission deferred taking action on this item until the next meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission.

Robert Killian, Golf Director, explained that the next three items, if adopted, would become the core of a Golf Program Operations Manual which will contain the days and hours of operations, rules and regulations, tournament procedures and green fees for the Department's golf courses.

8. **GOLF COURSE**
DAYS & HOURS OF OPERATION

Approval of days and hours of golf course operations at the following golf courses: Harding/Fleming, Lincoln, Sharp and Golden Gate.

Commissioner Guggenhime explained that this item outlines the days and hours of operations for the Department's golf courses and recommended approval.

On recommendation of the Candlestick Park and Golf Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Guggenhime, seconded by Commissioner Orr, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15741

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the following days and hours of golf course operations at the following golf courses: Harding/Fleming, Lincoln, Sharp and Golden Gate:

A. Golf courses will be open 365 days a year.

B. Holiday rates will be charged on the following days or their officially observed days (New Year's Day; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; President's Day; Memorial Day; Independence Day; Labor Day; Thanksgiving Day and the day following; and Christmas Day). When a holiday is officially observed on a different date, the holiday rate will be charged for the observed date only.

C. Golf courses shall be open from sun-up to sundown, except for Harding Park, which will be open from 6:30 a.m. until sundown. The Pro Shop will staff shop with a starter during all hours of operation.

D. Nine holes may be closed for maintenance purposes for a short period of time at the discretion of the Golf Course Superintendent, under the Golf Program Director.

E. Closure of course or restrictions on conditions of play (i.e., no power carts under wet conditions, temporary greens or ties, etc) at discretion of Golf Course Superintendent and/or Golf Program Director.

9. **GOLF COURSE**
RULES AND REGULATIONS

Approval of rules and regulations at the following golf courses: Harding/Fleming, Lincoln, Sharp and Golden Gate.

Robert Killian, Golf Director, explained that this item enumerates a number of rules and regulations for the golf courses and outlines the basic rules of the game and operation of the golf courses.

9. **GOLF COURSE**
RULES AND REGULATIONS (Continued)

Commissioner Guggenhime explained that this item alleviates the City's liability to a greater extent since there will now be formal set of published rules and regulations for the golf courses.

On recommendation of the Candlestick Park and Golf Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Guggenhime, seconded by Commissioner Eickman, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15742

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves these rules and regulations for the following golf courses: Harding/Fleming, Lincoln, Sharp and Golden Gate:

A. The Golf Program Director, the Golf Course Superintendent, and/or the Golf Shop Professional and his/her staff shall enforce all rules and regulations pertaining to golf.

B. United States Golf Association (U.S.G.A.) Rules of Golf, and posted local rules will govern at all times.

C. No play is allowed on any golf course or any portion therein which has been closed for any reason by the Golf Course Superintendent or his/her designated representative.

D. Trespassers, dog-walkers, bicycle riders, joggers, horseback riders, picnickers or other unauthorized persons shall not be permitted to walk, ride or rest on the golf courses. The police will be called if any unauthorized person refuses to leave the course.

E. All players must be registered with the starter before playing any part of the golf course. Spectators including friends and family members allowed only with permission of the starter. Waivers must be signed for non-players to accompany golfers on the courses.

F. All players must have a current cash register receipt in their possession during play.

G. Practicing anywhere on the golf course at any time is prohibited. Players must use the driving range, practice putting green, and other designated practice facilities for practice. Anyone possessing or playing with driving range balls will lose his/her privilege to play.

H. No more than four players may play together in the same group.

I. Golfers will play one ball only, except where the rules of golf allow a second ball.

J. Golfers will tee off only between the appropriate tee markers. (Front--red, Regular--white).

K. Holes must be played in sequence, and a golfer in the wrong fairway must give way to players playing that hole.

9. GOLF COURSE
RULES AND REGULATIONS (Continued)

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(Continued)

L. No more than one golfer shall play out of one bag. Each player must have his/her own set of clubs, including carry device.

M. It is the responsibility of each player to replace divots, rake and smooth traps, and repair ballmarks or other damage to the greens.

N. In the interests of all, players must play without delay, and all groups must keep their place on the course or allow following players to play through.

O. No private carts will be permitted except pull-type or non-riding types.

P. Golfers must keep carts off greens and tees.

Q. Golfers are prohibited from bringing coolers onto the course.

R. Any golfer found intentionally hitting balls off the course into adjacent park property or onto private property is subject to being banned from City courses.

S. Golfers may be refused playing privileges, or they may be removed from the golf course (by the police if the staff deems necessary) for:

(1) Submitting false information for the purpose of securing golfing privileges.

(2) Playing golf without purchasing a green fee ticket or registering with the starter.

(3) Obvious inability to play golf (i.e., when the beginner cannot reasonably hit the ball or keep up with the normal pace of public golf courses).

(4) Flagrant violation of rules of etiquette, such as obnoxious behavior, intoxication, damaging of courses, or failure to follow course design on a hole-to-hole basis.

(5) Failure to comply with the existing rules and regulations governing golf play, practice, operation of golf mobiles or pull-carts.

10. **GOLF COURSES**
TOURNAMENT POLICY

Approval of proposed changes in tournament policy.

Robert Killian, Golf Director, explained that this item requests changes to the Department's tournament policy. He defined a tournament as a block of a time set aside for an individual group which may or may not be competitive. Mr. Killian explained that many groups have multiple tournaments which denies playing opportunities for other golfers and gives the impression of favoritism. Mr. Killian proposed exempting this rule for the men's and women's clubs at the golf courses, as well as the San Francisco City tournament and Father/Son Tournament, both of which run for 5 weeks.

Commissioner Guggenhime explained that there was concern expressed at the Committee level that some groups have historically been able to play on a regular basis which are considered to be tournaments. The proposed policy would prevent these groups from playing more than 3 times a year at any particular course. He asked questions regarding the by-laws and regulations of the men's and women's clubs and felt that since the Department's courses are public golf courses its men's and women's clubs should be open to all for membership, without restrictions to handicap or any other discriminatory methods.

Mr. Killian explained that he has sent a letter to each men's and women's club at all of the Department's golf course which states, in part, "...**discrimination against individuals requesting membership because of high golf handicaps is unacceptable. Players who have attained a reasonable degree of proficiency in the game of golf and whose skills have changed (because of age, illness, etc.) must be accepted for membership. Absence of assurances and documentation of your club's policies will result in the loss of all privileges enjoyed by your club.**"

Commissioner Guggenhime noted that one of the golf clubs had a limitation to the number of members and concern was expressed at the Committee meeting about the maximum number of tournaments and whether this proposed restriction would preclude them from playing on a regular basis.

President O'Connor explained that if the Commission adopted this policy these groups could play 3 tournaments, per course, a year. She noted that the Divoteers group would be able to join the women's club at Harding Park under the proposed restructuring of membership rules for the golf course clubs. She noted that the Commission is discussing this issue because of the number of complaints received from the public regarding access to the Department's golf courses.

Mr. Killian explained that the Lincoln Park Golf Club had informed the Department it is changing its by-laws to allow any person to join. He noted the Department has current contracts that are in effect to 1/1/91 and therefore proposed that the new policy be effective 1/1/91.

10. **GOLF COURSES**
TOURNAMENT POLICY (Continued)

Helen Fong, representing the Divoteers, explained that the Divoteers club is a group of women, mostly senior citizens. This club is the only club which accepts players with the ability to play to a 40 handicap thus giving those who started playing golf after retirement a chance to belong to a club. The Divoteers have been meeting every Tuesday for 25 years to play golf and for the past 7 years at Harding Park. She felt the Divoteers should be exempt from the tournament rule and noted that in the past 2 years the Department has raised reservation fees and imposed other restrictions such as use of golf carts. Harding Park is an ideal course to walk because it is level. She disagreed with Mr. Killian's opinion that the use of golf carts helps to speed up play. The Divoteers generates approximately $8,000 in revenues to the Department.

Doris Grau, representing the Divoteers, appreciated that the Commission is trying to make it possible for any person to join the golf course clubs. She asked if the proposed restructuring of membership rules will allow people to join who do not have an existing handicap. She voiced her objection to the golf cart requirement and said if the clubs are open they will block out a greater portion of time for tournament play giving lesser opportunities for others to play.

Bob Bodeker, representing John Susko Junior Golf, explained that his program has been in existence for the last 6 years and is the sole sponsor for the golf program at schools. This program gives assistance for children to play golf and gives small scholarships to youth. He asked the Commission for a fee exemption for their one tournament because it is the sole support for their program. He asked for a 3-5 year exemption to the tournament fee so that his organization can find a corporate sponsor.

President O'Connor explained that the City Attorney's Office must render an opinion as to the legality of exempting any particular group from the tournament requirement.

Vice President Eickman noted that he did not want the Department to be placed in the position of deciding which charity should be given special consideration.

David Mutton, representing Silband, the concession holder at Harding Park Pro Shop, explained that it was his understanding that the number of members allowed for the Harding Park men's and women's clubs was originally limited by the Commission to be 100 for the women's club and 350 for the men's club. He was concerned about getting additional tee times if the clubs' membership is not restricted.

President O'Connor noted that having a different membership count for the men's versus the women's club is unfair and discriminatory.

10. GOLF COURSES
TOURNAMENT POLICY (Continued)

Joan Lantz, representing the Sharp Park Golf Course, explained that she requires groups to sign up the week before and they must guarantee that foursome. If one of the foursome has to drop out they are required to let the captain know and they try to get another player. She noted that the men's club at Sharp Park has no restriction on the number of members. Currently there are 500 members but 500 members never play at one time. Many of the members never participate in the club's tournaments.

Mr. Mutton explained that he wanted some direction as to the what the maximum number of times the men's and women's clubs can have on a weekday at Harding Park. He discussed the complaints regarding tournament play and felt that if tournaments were prohibited it would not cut down the number of complaints because there are 5500 resident card holders plus people from out of the City who want to play golf. He noted that the City receives additional revenue for tournament play and that it is a significant revenue producing venture for the City golf courses.

President O'Connor stressed the point that the men's and women's clubs have to be treated in the same manner.

Commissioner Guggenhime felt that these policies should be reviewed by the Commission in six months after they are in effect.

Florence Fenton, representing the San Francisco Business Women's Club who plays at Lincoln Park, said that her group, averages 20-25 players and has been in existence for 60 years. They play twice a month throughout the year but the reservation fee has placed them in the red and forced them now to play only once a month. Most of the women are business women, attorneys and secretaries who cannot play during the week.

On recommendation of the Candlestick Park and Golf Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Guggenhime, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15743

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves changes in tournament policy, effective 1/1/91, as follows:

A. A tournament is a block of time set aside for an individual group

B. A maximum of three tournaments per year per group. The men's and women's clubs are exempt from this provision. Also exempt is the City Tournament and Father and Son Tournament both which are five weeks in duration.

C. Carts mandatory at all 18-hole courses with the following exceptions:

San Francisco City Tournament (Championship flights)
United States Public Links
Junior Tournament
Tournaments played under the auspices of golf governing bodies which do not allow carts during tournament play (i.e., USGA, PGA, etc.)

D. No tee prizes or merchandise allowed to be brought on course without pro shop's permission. No food or beverage to be brought on golf course without restaurant lessee's permission.

10. GOLF COURSES
TOURNAMENT POLICY (Continued)

RES. NO. 15743
(Continued)

E. Tournament Requirements.

°Recommend 32 player minimum at all courses.
°Recommend that golf carts be required for all weekend and holiday tournaments at all courses.
°Tournament rate is the "standard rate" plus the "tournament fee" for each course as shown above except for shotgun tournaments. (see below)
°Tournament fee due 30 days in advance. (non-refundable)
°Tournament green fees due 10 days in advance. (non-refundable)

In addition to the above requirements, the following will apply for shotgun tournaments:

1. Shotguns shall be restricted to one tournament per year per group
2. 144 player minimum
3. Recommend a shotgun tournament rate per player fee of $25.00 at Harding, $20.00 at Lincoln, $20.00 at Sharp Park, plus pro shop/restaurant fee of $500.00.

F. Exemptions to tournament rules:

1) The existing Men's and Women's Clubs at Harding/Fleming Park, Lincoln Park, and Sharp Park shall pay the standard rate. The tournament fee shall be waived.

2. The rate for sanctioned (i.e., City Tournament, Public Links, etc.) tournaments on 18 hole golf courses will be the weekday senior rate. The rate for sanctioned tournaments on 9-hole golf courses will be the weekday senior rates.

3. Tournaments for charities will be treated as regular tournaments.

4. Discontinue promotions (i.e., two green fees for one) when current contracts expire.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Commission hereby makes it a condition that the women's and men's clubs at the golf courses will not restrict membership, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this policy will be reviewed in six months after implementation.

11. HARDING PARK GOLF COURSE RESTAURANT
FOOD AND BEVERAGE PRICES

Approval to increase the food and beverage prices at the Harding Park Golf Course Restaurant, effective 7/1/90.

President O'Connor explained that she expressed concern at the Committee level as she felt there should be an a la carte menu when golfers arrive at the 10th hole turnaround. Most golfers want to grab a bite to eat at this location and she asked the concessionaire to develop a fast food menu for this site. She also wanted this menu posted so that golfers are aware that an a la carte menu is available to them.

11. **HARDING PARK GOLF COURSE RESTAURANT FOOD AND BEVERAGE PRICES (Continued)**

Financial Analyst, Garrett Furuichi, explained that Mr. Yamane, the concessionaire, prepared a "quick service menu" in response to President O'Connor's request.

Eddie Moriguchi, representing **Ben Yamane**, thanked staff for the excellent job they did in preparing the supporting data. He explained that Mr. Yamane feels that Harding Park Golf Course is one of the best public golf courses in the country. Mr. Yamane wanted to keep his restaurant up to the same standard and would do everything within his power to do so.

On motion of Commissioner Guggenhime, seconded by Commissioner Orr, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15744

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an increase to the following food and beverage prices at the Harding Park Golf Course Restaurant, effective 7/1/90:

ITEM	CURRENT	APPROVED
BREAKFAST:		
Ham, Bacon or Link Sausage and Two Eggs	$4.50	$4.95
Hamburger Patty and Two Eggs	4.95	5.45
Two Eggs	2.95	3.45
Cheese Omelet	3.95	4.45
Ham, Bacon Omelet	4.75	5.25
Combination Ham/Cheese Omelet	4.95	5.45
Combination Bacon/Cheese Omelet	4.95	5.45
Combination Sausage/Cheese Omelet	4.95	5.45
French Toast	2.85	3.35
Hot Cake Sandwich: Three Large Hot Cakes with Two Eggs	4.25	4.75
Hot Cakes (3)	2.85	3.35
Toast	1.20	1.50
Cold Cereal	1.75	2.25
SIDE ORDERS:		
Ham, Bacon or Sausage	2.15	2.45
Hamburger Patty	2.95	3.25
Two Eggs	1.50	1.95
One Egg	.90	1.25
Hash Browned Potatoes	1.50	1.75
LUNCH:		
Diet Plate:		
Hamburger Patty	5.35	5.75
Roast Beef	5.35	5.75
Turkey	5.35	5.75

11. HARDING PARK GOLF COURSE RESTAURANT FOOD AND BEVERAGE PRICES (Continued)

RES. NO. 15744 (Continued)

SALADS:		
Chef's Salad (Mixed Greens, Ham, Turkey and Cheese)	4.75	5.50
Small Mixed Green Salad	2.25	2.75
Tomato Salad	1.50	2.00
Potato Salad	1.50	2.00
Macaroni Salad	1.50	2.00
Cole Slaw Salad	1.50	2.00
SANDWICHES:		
Swiss on Rye	3.25	3.95
Chili Dog with Onion and Cheese	3.95	4.45
Breast of Turkey	4.50	4.95
Roast Beef	4.50	4.95
Baked Ham	4.50	4.95
Corned Beef	4.50	4.95
Devilled Egg	3.00	3.50
Tuna	3.50	4.25
Grilled Tuna & American Cheese	3.75	4.25
Bacon and Tomato	3.75	4.25
Grilled Cheese	3.00	3.50
Polish Sausage on French Roll	3.75	4.25
Hamburger, Char Broiled	3.95	4.45
Cheeseburger, Char Broiled	4.15	4.65
19TH HOLE SPECIALS:		
Patty Melt Sandwich	4.75	5.25
Clubhouse Sandwich	5.75	5.95
Hot Roast Beef Sandwich	5.50	6.25
Hot Roast Turkey Sandwich	5.50	6.25
SIDE ORDERS:		
Soup of the Day	2.50	2.75
Baked Potato and Butter	1.50	1.75
French Fries	1.50	1.75
Jello	1.50	1.75
Cottage Cheese	1.50	1.75
Vegetable of the Day	1.50	1.75
Bowl of Chili	2.50	2.75
BEVERAGES:		
Coffee	.70	.75
Tea (Hot or Iced)	.70	.75
Juice: Orange, Tomato, Grapefruit		
Small	.80	.90
Large	1.25	1.50
Milk:		
Small	.80	.90
Large	1.00	1.25
Hot Chocolate	.85	.95
Coke, Root Beer, or 7up	.80	.90
Milk Shake	2.25	2.75
Root Beer Float	1.85	2.25

11. HARDING PARK GOLF COURSE RESTAURANT
FOOD AND BEVERAGE PRICES (Continued)

RES. NO. 15744
(Continued)

ITEM	CURRENT	APPROVED
DESSERTS:		
Pie (Apple, Custard)	1.50	1.75
Pie A La Mode	2.00	2.50
Cheese Cake	1.75	2.10
Ice Cream (Vanilla/Chocolate)	1.50	1.75
QUICK SERVICE MENU (10th TURNAROUND)		
Donuts (3-4" diameter cake or rise)		.75
Coffee/Tea (8 oz.)		.75
Sandwiches (Prewrapped fresh with 4 oz of either American cheese, Swiss cheese, Bologna or salami		2.25
Junior Hot Dog (8 to a pound) and bun		1.75
Potato Chips (1 1/8 oz foil bag)		.75
Soft Drink (12 oz cup)		.90

12. GOLDEN GATE GOLF COURSE RESTAURANT
LINCOLN PARK GOLF COURSE RESTAURANT
FOOD AND BEVERAGE PRICES

Ratification of the revised food and beverage prices at Golden Gate Golf Course and Lincoln Park Golf Course restaurants.

Note: This item was removed from the Calendar.

13. LAKE MERCED BOATHOUSE
ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE

Discussion of proposed assignment of Lake Merced Boathouse Lease from Row Row Row Your Boat, Inc. to Desert Lake Development, Inc. and status of breach of lease provision regarding assignment. Commission action as appropriate.

Lucinda Pope Scanlan, Director of Property Management, explained that Desert Lake Development Corporation, a newly created California corporation with the same principals as the original Desert Bay Development Corporation from Arizona, has reached an agreement with Row, Row, Row Your Boat, Inc., Mirage Investments and Susan Pettigrew to purchase the lease for the Lake Merced Boathouse. The proposed assignee is qualified, has similar business experience and is financially able to undertake the obligations of the lease. Staff is very pleased with Desert Lake Development's plan to improve the operation of the restaurant. There have been significant operating problems at the boathouse and Desert Lake plans to make major mechanical and structural improvements to the building.

13. LAKE MERCED BOATHOUSE
ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE (Continued)

Ms. Scanlan further explained that Susan Pettrigrew's former partner, Alex Wilson-Sowah, filed for bankruptcy within 90 days after Ms. Pettigrew had acquired all of Wilson-Sowah's interest in the boathouse. There is a possibility that the court will rule that other creditors have rights in the assets proposed to be sold to Desert Lake and the court could become a partner in the deal. She urged the Commission to approve the proposed assignment.

In response to Vice President Eickman's question, Ms. Scanlan explained that Desert Bay Development operates a bar and restaurant in Tuscon, Arizona. Desert Lake Development, Inc., is a new corporation which has been created for the sole purpose of operating the Lake Merced Boathouse. Desert Lake has significant capital committed to the Boathouse and guarantee that it will be a single purpose corporation until the promissory note is paid. They have $50,000 capital, $27,000 of which is part of the buy-out deal. They plan to make additional improvements out of the revenues of the operation in addition to keeping current with the rent and have a funding cushion of $20,000 in order to protect the Boathouse and meet the financial obligations of the lease.

President O'Connor urged that the lessee provide non-smoking and smoking areas in the bar and in the dining room.

On motion of Commissioner Orr, seconded by Commissioner Guggenhime, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15745

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the proposed assignment of Lake Merced Boathouse Lease from Row Row Row Your Boat, Inc. to Desert Lake Development, Inc. and status of breach of lease provision regarding assignment.

14. HOM AND PON
FOOD AND BEVERAGE PRICES

Approval to increase the food and beverage prices for Hom & Pon, effective 7/1/90.

Financial Analyst, Garrett Furuichi, explained that this item is a request from Pon and Hom, the concessionaire at the Music Concourse, to increase food and beverage prices. The last increase was granted in 1986. Based on price comparisons done at the Zoo and Stow Lake he felt that the increase was reasonable. A secondary analysis was done which compared the prices with inflation and the increase was in line. He recommended approval.

In response Vice President Eickman's question regarding the legal problems encountered with Hom and Pon, **Mr. Prindle, Assistant General Manager for Finance and Property,** explained that the settlement agreement has been approved by the Board of Supervisors, the Department has received monies owed it and the concessionaire has fulfilled all of the legal obligations of the settlement agreement.

14. **HOM AND PON**
FOOD AND BEVERAGE PRICES (Continued)

Commissioner Ruiz asked if staff was taking steps to ensure that the recent issue with this concessionaire did not occur again.

Mr. Prindle explained that staff continues to do a shopping service and the recent settlement agreement contains a better accounting system.

On recommendation of Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Orr, seconded by Commissioner Eickman, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15746

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the increase to the food and beverage prices for Hom & Pon, effective 7/1/90, as follows:

Product	Size	Current	Approved
Polish Sausage	4 to lb.	2.50	3.00
Hot Dog	8 to lb.	1.35	1.60
Pink Popcorn	1 1/4 oz.	.80	1.00
Popcorn	1 1/4 oz.	.80	1.00
Peanuts	2 oz.	.80	1.00
Soft Drinks	12 oz.	.75	1.25
Coffee/Tea	8 oz.	.70	.75
Hot Chocolate	8 oz.	.70	.75
Icee	14 oz.	.95	1.10
Icee	10 oz.	.75	.90
Ice Cream	3 oz.	.80	1.00
Potato Chips	1 1/8 oz.	.50	.75
Beer	12 oz.	1.25	2.00
Wine	6 oz.	1.25	2.00

15. **BEACH CHALET**
BID DEPOSIT

Approval to declare forfeit of $25,000 bid deposit of Beach Chalet Group, Inc.

Assistant General Manager for Finance and Property, Ernie Prindle, explained that in December, 1988 the Commission certified that the highest scoring bid on the Beach Chalet had been submitted by the Beach Chalet Group, Inc. The Commission approved the negotiated lease terms in March, 1989. The BCG was given to 8/89 to raise the required funding which they failed to do and the Commission granted an extension to 1/90. This extension was given with the understanding that the $25,000 bid deposit was to be retained by the Department the BCG was able to raise $100,000.

Mr. Prindle clarified a point that it was not the responsibility of Friends of Recreation and Parks to raise $100,000; they were responsible to hold the money raised by the BCG. The Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee recommended retaining the deposit, less an amount equal to the sum held by Friends of Recreation and Park. Mr. Prindle contacted the Bank of America, who is holding the $25,000 deposit, who is prepared to refund the money owed, including accrued interest. He further explained that if the lease was in place today the Beach Chalet would be open by now and would be generating revenue to the Department. He recommended that the Commission retain the bid deposit.

15. **BEACH CHALET**
BID DEPOSIT (Continued)

Deputy City Attorney Mara Rosales, explained that even though Mr. Wiley's letter (the attorney representing the Beach Chalet Group, Inc.) does not specifically state that if the Department does not refund the money they will bring an action against the Commission, the implication is clear that litigation would ensue if the Commission retained the money. Therefore, she recommended that the Commission convene in Executive Session to discuss this matter.

Allyson Washburn, representing the Beach Chalet Group, Inc. (BCG), stated that her signature is required in order for the Bank of America to release the $25,000. Ms. Washburn referred to a letter from Gerry McKenzie, President of BCG, which explained some of her personal circumstances and explained that when she put up this money with the bid it was with the understanding that the money was not at risk. She stated that she could ill afford to lose the money since she was widowed 10 years ago and this money is to be used for her children's education.

Commissioner Guggenhime asked if it was her understanding that the other directors of the BCG would contribute.

Ms. Washburn said she understood the initial terms of the invitation for proposal. In 8/89 she thought that all of the directors had been told of the terms of the City's offer: to extend the deadline and if they failed to raise a certain amount of money they would forfeit the bid deposit. She thought this agreement was done with the approval of the directors. Later, she found out that not all of the directors had not been consulted about this matter.

Vice President Eickman felt the BCG should have known that the $25,000 deposit was to show that they were serious about this venture.

Ms. Washburn explained that until 8/17/89 the bid deposit would have been returned. She stated that the bid was never provisionally approved contingent upon the BCG raising the financing. It was clear up to that date that the money was not at risk.

Mr. Prindle stated that at the 8/17/89 Commission meeting the agreement was made that if the requisite funding was not raised the money would flow to the City.

Gerry McKenzie, President of the Beach Chalet Group, Inc. (BCG), stated that when the deposit was made it was clear to them that they would not lose the money even if the proposal was not successful. She explained that she did not know of the 8/17/89 agreement until after the fact.

Lucinda Pope Scanlan, Director of Property Management, explained that the Beach Chalet Group, designated a spokesperson, Susan Backman, who spoke for the BCG at all in-house meetings and before the Commission. The BCG made it very clear that Ms. Backman was the authorized representative for the BCG.

Ms. Washburn said the BCG is a corporation and that members of the group were unaware of the 8/17/89 proposal.

15. **BEACH CHALET**
BID DEPOSIT (Continued)

3:40 p.m. - 4:10 p.m. the Commission convened in Executive Session.

4:10 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. the Commission recessed.

Deputy City Attorney, Mara Rosales, informed the Commission that the settlement offer was not acceptable to the BCG. She asked that the Commission afford her the opportunity to initiate conversations with the Beach Chalet Group's counsel to see whether a settlement can be reached before she recommended that the Commission reject the present settlement offer. Accordingly, this item was referred to the next meeting of the Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee.

16. **CONTRACTING PROCEDURES**

Approval of informal contracting procedures.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that the Department of Public Works informed the Department that they would no longer issue contracts that have a value less than $50,000. Since that time, the Department has been developing contracting procedures which would satisfy all City guidelines and policies. The proposed policies have been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney and Controller.

On recommendation of the Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Guggenhime, seconded by Commissioner Eickman, the following resolution was adopted;

RES. NO. 15747

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Recreation and Park Department's informal contracting procedures.

17. **SOUTH END ROWING CLUB FEES**
ASSESSMENT FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Approval to have the South End Rowing Club assess its members a $100.00 fee for capital improvements to the club.

Lucinda Pope Scanlan, Director of Property Management, explained that the South End Rowing Club lease requires that annual membership fees be kept low, must relate directly to cost of operations, and must be approved by the Commission. The lease specifies that additional funds for other projects have to be raised through a membership assessment. It was revealed after the 10/17/89 earthquake that there were deficiencies at the South End Rowing Club building, including the lack of a foundation. The majority vote of the membership agreed to a $100 per member assessment in order to raise funds in the amount of $47,000 (10% would go to the Department), to repair the foundation. This matter was heard and approved by the Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee in April, 1990. When this matter was considered by the Commission on 4/19/90 there was some confusion and the matter was removed from the calendar. Since the matter had not been approved by the Commission and the fact that a number of members had already paid the $100 assessment, staff directed the Club to return all monies collected until such time as the assessment was approved by the Commission. Therefore, staff formally requests that the Commission approve this assessment.

17. SOUTH END ROWING CLUB FEES ASSESSMENT FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS (Continued)

President O'Connor explained that on April 19, 1990, Mr. Berline, speaking for the South End Rowing Club, attended the Commission meeting, and informed the Commission that it was necessary for him to appear because the Club had not made an assessment. Ms. Diddo Clark, a South End Rowing Club member, sent the Commission a copy of the assessment she had received. Then the Commission realized there was some confusion.

Ms. Scanlan explained that according to the Club's by-laws a majority vote of the members of the club can impose an assessment.

Nancy Stretch, representing the South End Rowing Club, explained that there was a communication gap. She did not believe that Mr. Berline had misinformed the Commission.

President O'Connor said that Mr. Berline had indeed misinformed the Commission on April 19, 1990.

Ms. Stretch explained that the Club has imposed a $5.00 bookkeeping charge to the assessment bill if the assessment is paid in two parts. She stated that the Club does not plan to kick someone out of the Club if they do not pay the assessment. She asked for direction from the Commission: if this is considered a voluntary payment does the City get a percentage of the assessment or is it considered an assessment without a penalty.

President O'Connor felt that part of the confusion stems from the fact that everytime a South End Club issue is discussed a different representative appears before the Commission.

Assistant General Manager for Finance and Property, Ernie Prindle, stressed the point that South End Rowing Club is asking for an assessment and the Commission must act on this assessment. The Commission is not acting on the penalty.

Ms. Stretch explained that a letter was sent to each member who paid the assessment explaining that the money had to be returned because Commission approval had not been received. It was also advertised in their newsletter.

Vice President Eickman urged the South End Rowing Club to work with the Recreation and Park Department and to consult with the staff before proceeding on any matter. He was concerned that the Club seemed to operate on its own.

17. SOUTH END ROWING CLUB FEES
ASSESSMENT FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS (Continued)

Ms. Stretch said they have not been a problem up until the last year.

Commissioner Orr said he was very disturbed because every month something is brought up about the South End Rowing Club which makes him wonder how the Club is being handled. He hoped the Club would take care of all the recent issues.

Ms. Scanlan explained that the Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC), which has permitting authority within 100 feet of the water all around the bay, has three levels of approvals. BCDC has already given conceptual approval to the foundation project. BCDC then has a plans and specifications approval and then a construction approval.

On recommendation of the Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Guggenhime, seconded by Commissioner Eickman, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15748

RESOLVED, That this Commission grants approval to the South End Rowing Club to assess its members a $100.00 fee for capital improvements to the club.

18. GOLDEN GATE PARK BAND
CONTRACT

Approval of the Golden Gate Park Band contract with Robert Hansen for fiscal year 1990-91.

Assistant General Manager for Finance and Property, Ernie Prindle, explained that the Department has a contract with the Golden Gate Park band to provide musical services at the Music Concourse area of Golden Gate Park. Funding has been given through the Hotel Tax Fund and this year's contract is $100,000. The request is to grant this personal services contract for the fiscal year 1990-91 contract.

On motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15749

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Golden Gate Park Band contract with Robert Hansen for fiscal year 1990-91.

19. SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS

Denial of the proposed settlement of the litigated claim of Bradford Yules in the amount of $1,000.00 and approval of the proposed settlement of the litigated claim of Vicky Eu in the amount of $4,500.00.

On recommendation of the Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Guggenhime, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15750

RESOLVED, That this Commission denies the proposed settlement of the litigated claim of Bradford Yules in the amount of $1,000.00 and approves the proposed settlement of the litigated claim of Vicky Eu in the amount of $4,500.00.

20. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Orr, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15751

RESOLVED, That this Commission accepts the following gifts valued at $153,488.00, for the Recreation and Park Department:

a. From Pacific Gas and Electric Company, $16,068.00, for printing 87,000 Recreation and Park Department Summer schedule of classes and activities.

b. From Friends of Michelangelo Park, $103,870, "gift in place," for renovation of Michelangelo Park.

c. From Mr. Brian Napolitan, one (1) speciman Rhapis humilis, valued at $1,500.00, for the Conservatory of Flowers.

d. From Friends of Recreation and Parks, $32,050.00, "gift in place," for the renovation of Marini Plaza.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate letters of thanks will be sent to the donors.

21. PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission.

William Stuart Kahn, Jr., representing Bay Cities Firewood, explained that he operated a business in Golden Gate Park for the past 4 years. The business came into existence when he was informed that a contract was open to remove dead and down wood and have it sent to landfill. He stated that he has invested over $100,000 of capital, sold his personal belongings and worked seven days a week to make this venture work. Several days before Christmas he was informed that the City was no longer interested in being in the firewood business. He was told that if he did not remove his belongings, animals, and equipment it would be impounded and he would be arrested. He was present because his animals were about to be destroyed and he had nothing to his name. He asked the Commission to help him stay in business and presented letters of support.

21. PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued)

President O'Connor explained that the Commission could not take action on this item and that Mr. Cooney was on vacation and unable to respond to his comments.

Mr. Kahn explained that his animals were about to be destroyed and asked if the Commission could intercede.

General Manager Mary E. Burns stated that the firewood contract was a contract that was bid through the Purchaser and has expired. Mr. Kahn has been receiving notices that the Department intends to use a different disposal method. The Department has given several notices to him over a number of months asking him to vacate the property.

Assistant Superintendent for Neighborhood Parks, Ron deLeon explained that the file contained one document signed by Mr. Kahn dated March 27, 1990 advising him that he was given sixty (60) days' notice to remove his belonging from the site.

Ms. Burns explained that she would contact the Animal Control Center and ask that the animals not be euthanized.

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Armida Adan, of the Crocker-Amazon community discussed the toddler's playground at Crocker Amazon. When the location of the toddler's playground was discussed, Ms. Adan wanted it placed behind the recreation director's office where the children could be supervised. Instead the playground was built near the street and the concern she previously expressed, lack of direct supervision by the recreation director, was occurring. She stated that staff now wants to place a window in the kitchen which she opposed because she felt the window could be broken. She noted that the building has leakage problems and that the children's play area fence was not high enough.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that the location of the playground was chosen after extensive review and evaluation of both sites. Shadow studies were done and community meetings were held. She noted that many playgrounds do not have direct supervision of the play areas. It was decided to install a mesh window in the kitchen to provide not only surveillance of the toddler play area but also to provide proper ventilation since the kitchen ventilation system is inadequate.

Keif Garcia, an employee at Bay Cities Firewood urged the Commission to reconsider termination of Mr. Kahn's contract because it was cost effective and provided vocational training.

Esther Faingold, expressed her concern about the Sharon Arts Studio. She asked why this program is always targeted for extinction. She felt that the Commission is supposed to provide recreational activities for the community. Those who participate in this program asked how they could assist the Department and thought of forming an auxiliary to maintain the Sharon Arts Program. She felt if the program was publicized enrollment would be enormous. She urged the Commission to support this program.

22. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President O'Connor reported on the following:

°Commissioner Harris was ill and in the hospital
°Status of the Recreation and Park Department budget 1990-91

23. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following reports were submitted to the Commission:

Joint Zoo Committee Meeting of May 2, 1990
Parks and Planning Committee Meeting of June 7, 1990
Finance and Administration Committee Meeting of June 7, 1990
Candlestick Park and Golf Committee Meeting of June 19, 1990

24. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Eickman, the meeting was adjourned in memory of MaryAnn Boutilier, stepmother of Sybil Boutilier of the Public Relations office.

On motion of Commissioner Orr, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Tony Freitas, father of Ron Frietas of the Park Division.

On motion of Commissioner Guggenhime, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Rea Bernstein, wife of Mo Bernstein.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Veronica Garland.

There being no further business, the 649th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

Note: These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Recreation and Park Commission on matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological order in which the matters were taken up.

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RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

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SPECIAL MEETING

June 28, 1990 - 4:00 P.M.
McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park (Fell and Stanyan Streets)

The Special meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, June 28, 1990, at 4:00 p.m. by President Connie O'Connor.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Present:
Commissioner Connie O'Connor, President
Commissioner Keith Eickman, Vice President
Commissioner Richard J. Guggenhime
Commissioner Frances McAteer
Commissioner Trent Orr
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz

Absent:
Commissioner Tommy Harris

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2. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS ADMISSION FEES**

Discussion and action of the revised fee increase proposal for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens as proposed by the Board of Supervisors.

General Manager **Mary E. Burns,** explained that when the Commission adopted the proposed budget in February, 1990 it also adopted a Zoo admission fee increase to help balance the budget. The Board of Supervisors has made some changes to the Department's budget and asked that the Zoo admission fees be slightly modified. The fee increase was to be effective July 1, 1990. Since the final budget has not been adopted by the Board of Supervisors a special meeting was called to take action based on the direction given to the Department by the Finance Committee.

2. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**
ADMISSION FEES (Continued)

Assistant General Manager for Finance and Property, Ernie Prindle, outlined what the Finance Committee had approved in terms of the City's budget. The Mayor's budget originally recommended three revenue items to offset the City's deficit:

°continuation of the business tax.....	$ 7,400,000
°increase in parking tax.....	5,000,000
°continuation of rent board fee	1,200,000
	$13,600,000

The Finance Committee agreed to restore funding for:

°Modify Zoo admission fees for children.....	250,000
°Restore Sharon Arts Studio Program.....	200,201
°Restore proposed reduction in pool hours.....	256,321

Mr. Prindle explained that a supplemental appropriation will now be prepared for the Commission to restore the Zoo admission fees, the Sharon Arts Studio program and the pool hours. The Finance Committee also asked the Department to consider a fee increase for both the Sharon Arts Studio program and the pools and to consider a non-profit organization to handle the Sharon Arts program.

The Finance Committee sent the City's budget to the Board of Supervisors without recommendation.

Mr. Prindle explained that recently the Board of Supervisors passed a resolution asking the Commission to reduce the admission fees at the San Francisco Zoological Gardens. On June 27, 1990, the Finance Committee recommended that the newly established fee for children ages 5 to 12 be rescinded. The Finance Committee did not request that any other elements of the previously approved admission fee package be modified.

Susan Barthell, agreed with the proposed recommendation for the Zoo admission fees.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Orr, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15752

RESOLVED, That this Commission rescinds the newly established admission fee that was approved on April 19, 1990 (by Resolution No. 15682) as it relates to children ages 5-11 including the child group rate, effective July 1, 1990 and for school groups effective September 1, 1990:

Zoo Fee Structure*

Adult	$6.00
Youth (12-16)	$3.00
Child (5-11)	Free
Senior	$3.00
Group Rate (child)	Free

*Based on Commission action this day

2A. JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA/UNION SQUARE/WASHINGTON SQUARE TWO DAY EVENT

Approval of the request by the California State Lottery to hold a two-day event on July 7 and 8, 1990 at Justin Herman Plaza, Union Square and Washington Square.

Superintendent of Recreation Joel Robinson, explained that staff received a request from the California Lottery to hold a two-day event at Justin Herman Plaza, Washington Square and Union Square to promote its newest lottery game. This two-day event will generate $3,000 to the Department.

On motion of Commissioner Guggenhime, seconded by Commissioner McAteer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15753

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request by the California State Lottery to hold a two-day event on July 7 and 8, 1990 at Justin Herman Plaza, Union Square and Washington Square.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission.

Note: No public comment was given.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

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649TH REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, JULY 19, 1990 - 2:00 P.M.

The Six Hundred and Forty-Ninth Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, July 19, 1990, at 2:00 p.m. by President Connie O'Connor.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:
Commissioner Connie O'Connor, President
Commissioner Keith Eickman, Vice President
Commissioner Frances McAteer
Commissioner Trent Orr
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz

Absent:
Commissioner Richard Guggenhime
Commissioner Tommy Harris

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner McAteer, seconded by Commissioner Orr, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 21, 1990, were approved as presented.

On motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the minutes of the Special Meeting of June 28, 1990, were approved as corrected.

Susan Barthell, agreed with the proposed recommendation to eliminate the children's admission fees at the Zoo.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Mary E. Burns, submitted the following report:

"BUDGET UPDATE

As last reported to this Commission the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors forwarded the FY 1990-91 budget to the full Board without recommendation. The Board then referred the budget back to the Finance Committee and directed that they resolve their differences. The budget is scheduled to be heard before a special meeting of the Finance Committee at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, July 23rd and then by the full Board which convenes at 2:00 p.m. The supplemental appropriation before the Commission today to restore the cuts made by the Mayor for the Sharon Arts Studio and swimming pool hours will ultimately be subject to the final decisions made by the Board.

WATER CONSERVATION UPDATE

The Water Department allocation printout for the month of June showed that 79% of our meters were in compliance, with a cumulative water savings of 719,000 gallons city-wide. This is up from last month's reading of 60%. The Department will continue to monitor water usage in its effort toward 100% compliance.

WRISTBAND PROGRAM AT CAMP MATHER

The new wristband identification program at Camp Mather has been well received so far. Of those people who have already been to Camp and returned their surveys rating their experience at Camp, only one negative response has been received regarding the wearing of a wrist band. The program will be evaluated at the conclusion of the season to see if this is a measure that the Department wants to keep in place in the future.

EVENTS BOOKED AT CANDLESTICK PARK

Commissioner Guggenhime asked for a status report on bookings at Candlestick Park since John Lind's departure. To date there have been five events booked at Candlestick generating a total of $6,800 through July 15, 1990. These events consisted exclusively of commercials.

BEACH CHALET

The Department has spoken with more than 60 prospects for this site, with the following 3 groups currently developing proposals:

° Pat Budman - as a Beach Club restaurant/bar (first expressed interest in the project 2 years ago);

° Henry Quach, S & H Real Estate Investment Co. - as a Chinese restaurant/bar with banquet space for parties and weddings (he is connected with the famous Peninsula Hotel in Hong Kong);

° Former owners of Cats Nightclub - as a nightclub with restaurant.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

BEACH CHALET (Continued)

In addition, two more groups have expressed interest and are proceeding with staff to investigate the requirements of the project: Barry O'Beirne who operates Fibber McGee Irish Bar and Restaurant in San Diego - wishes to establish the same type of business at the Chalet; Hisuk Dong of Cafe Pastoral in Berkeley - is investigating the possibility of opening a second facility at the Chalet.

Lastly, staff has approached the Chart House group and they have expressed initial interest in the project. A written presentation has been made to them and a meeting with Chart House representatives will take place in two weeks to tour the site and discuss the project.

It is hoped that within the next 60 days a viable proposal for the Chalet will be brought before this Commission.

PUBLIC ACCESS TO AQUATIC PARK CLUBS

A hearing was conducted by staff on Monday, July 16 at the Dolphin Club to solicit public comment regarding the public access policy for the Dolphin and South End Clubs. The meeting was well attended (150) and all speakers were members of the Clubs who unanimously supported the current policy. Staff is concerned that the location or insufficient outreach to non-members may have accounted for the lack of representation of any one not already affiliated with the Clubs. Without discounting the weight of opinion presented, the Department will pursue alternatives for soliciting a broader-based response. A transcript of the hearing will be available in 30 days.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

The summer program attendance has increased substantially throughout the Recreation Division. The Summer Lunch Program is serving a greater number of youth 18 years and under, the Make-A-Circus at Sunset Recreation attracted over 600 participants (the largest crowd ever), and Latch Key sites and Adventure Day Camps are at capacity. Staff feels that the distribution of the Summer Program brochure to all San Francisco public and parochial schools made a significant impact on the number of participants in the program. A final attendance report will be given to you at the end of the summer.

FRIENDS OF RECREATION AND PARK DAY

The annual Friends of Recreation and Parks Field Day will become a part of the San Francisco County Fair. The merging of these events charts a new course for the traditional Friends event. This arrangement will allow staff an opportunity to provide a wider variety of activities not possible under the old format. Activities will include Make-A-Circus, Table Top Garden contest, flower displays, and other activities that will surely keep all the youngsters occupied.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

TEEN NEWSPAPER

The Recreation Division's recently formed Teen Program under the direction of Teen Coordinator, Lorraine Lampkin, has gotten off to a great start and plans are now underway to publish a city-wide tabloid written and produced by and for teens. The newspaper, which will be produced at the Hamilton Recreation Center, home of the teen program, will be published this summer with the goal of monthly publication in the fall. It is initially being staffed by 12 teens from the WORKREATION Program who represent a diverse cross-section of the City, and efforts will be made to work with high schools to create opportunities for more teen participation. The Photo Center has agreed to provide guidance and support services for the photo journalism element of the program with space designated at Hamilton for a dark room. This program will enable the Department to promote its teen programs while providing a unique learning experience and a distinct voice to the teens of San Francisco.

PHOTO JOURNALIST INTERNS

Two photo journalist interns from City College of San Francisco are working part-time in the Public Relations/Information Office. Each intern is given photo assignments from covering youth athletic events, taking photos of Department facilities, special events requests from the Mayor's Office, to slides for proposed brochures.
Also included in their tasks are printing duties and file organization responsibilities. This program will enable the Department to build a photo resource file and help meet the demand for the many requests received.

COMPLETED CAPITAL PROJECT

The Golden Gate Park Children's Playground project has been completed. This includes a new colorful play area accessible to children of varying abilities, a small theatre setting in the newly renovated barn area, a dry stream bed, a sand play area and modifications and renovations to the two other existing play areas. Funding for this project came from a State grant and the Open Space Fund at a cost of $700,000.00. A dedication will be planned in the near future.

SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS

You will recall that beginning last month, claims up to $5,000 settled by the City Attorney's Office under a new ordinance would be listed in my report to you. The claims settled for the month of June, 1990 are as follows: (Please note that City Attorney's report did not include first names, and in one case only initials were given.)

Claimant	Amount
Rowen	$ 240.00
Guerrero	613.82
Mallder	1,240.00
M.E.W.	481.53

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

RETIREMENTS

William Booth	3287	Asst. Rec. Sup.	30 years
Williama Revilla	3287	Asst. Rec. Sup.	34 years
Plutarch Sideris	3422	Park Sec. Sup.	27 years
Robert Merlo	3428	Nursery Spec.	21 years
Albert Ottobani	3430	Chief Nursery Spec.	34 years
Lauretta Chipley	1446	Secretary II	16 years

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, August 1, 1990	Joint Zoo Committee, 4:00 P.M. San Francisco Zoo
Thursday, August 2, 1990	Parks and Planning Committee, 9:00 A.M., McLaren Lodge
Thursday, August 2, 1990	Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee, 4:00 P.M., McLaren Lodge
Monday, August 6, 1990	Golden Gate Park Committee, 3:00 P.M., McLaren Lodge"

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

Items 4f, 4g, 4h, 4i, 4j and 4k were removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately. Item 4l was not considered by the Commission.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Eickman, ratification of the following resolutions, which are processed under Resolution No. 13572:

a. Personnel Matters — RES. NO. 15754

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period June 7, 1990 through July 5, 1990.

b. GOLDEN GATE PARK — RES. NO. 15755
TRAFFIC SIGNAGE (King Drive & 5th Avenue)

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the improved traffic signage at King Drive and 5th Avenue.

c. GOLDEN GATE PARK — RES. NO. 15756
STRYBING ARBORETUM
MOONVIEWING DECK AND POND

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the renovation of the Moonviewing Deck and Pond at Strybing Arboretum.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

d. **GOLDEN GATE PARK** RES. NO. 15757
CONSERVATORY OF FLOWERS AUXILIARY
BUDGET FOR 1990

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Conservatory of Flowers Auxiliary Budget for 1990.

e. **24TH/YORK STREET MINI PARK** RES. NO. 15758
MURAL

RESOLVED, That this Commission conceptually approves the mural project at 24th/York Street Mini Park.

l. **RUN TO THE FAR SIDE**
PERMIT FEE

Approval of a permit fee for the Run to the Far Side race to be held on November 25, 1990.

ACTION: Item 41 was removed from the Calendar.

m. **MANUFACTURES HANOVER CORPORATE CHALLENGE** RES. NO. 15759
PERMIT FEE

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the permit fee for the Manufactures Hanover Corporate Challenge to be held on August 15, 1990.

n. **HOM AND PON CONCESSIONAIRE** RES. NO. 15760
CORRECTION OF FOOD PRICE ITEM

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the correction to Hom and Pon concessionaire food price item (popcorn) from $1.00 to $1.25.

o. **CAMP MATHER** RES. NO. 15761
PEACHGROWERS TRACK ASSOCIATION
USAGE FEE

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a $100.00 fee per house to allow Peachgrowers Track Association Day usage at Camp Mather.

p. **RECREATION DIVISION** RES. NO. 15762
SPECIAL SUNNYSIDE PLAYGROUND
SUMMER DAY CAMP

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the special Sunnyside Playground Summer Day Camp.

q. **NIHONMACHI STREET FAIR** RES. NO. 15763
TWO-DAY EVENT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the two-day event at the Japanese Peace Plaza to be held on August 4-5, 1990, for the 17th Annual Nihonmachi Street Fair.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

r. **SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL** RES. NO. 15764
FEE WAIVER REQUEST

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the fee waiver for the the Shakespeare Festival.

s. **CAMP MATHER** RES. NO. 15765
STRAWBERRY BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL
RENT CREDIT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a rent credit not to exceed $1,788.70, to the Strawberry Bluegrass Music Festival for installation of walk-in refrigerator at Camp Mather.

t. **JAPANTOWN MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION** RES. NO. 15766
FEE WAIVER

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a fee waiver to the Japantown Merchants Association for its Moon Festival.

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Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that the budget is being adjusted for Item 4f (Civic Center Plaza), to cover additional work due to delays, fencing costs, and additional subsidence work. Item 4g (Park Accessibility and Feasibility Study) modifies the budget since the scope of the work has increased. Item 4h (Fulton Playground Clubhouse) increases the contract because two walls must be replaced as part of the renovation project. Item 4i (Tennis Court Lighting) and 4j (Golden Gate Park, Chain of Lakes), awards the contract budget for these capital improvement projects. Item 4k (San Francisco Hill Stride) is the negotiated permit fee for the Hill stride event.

On motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolutions were adopted:

f. **CIVIC CENTER PLAZA** RES. NO. 15767
MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the modification of contract to increase the contingency to Golden Bay Construction in the amount of $20,000 for improvements at Civic Center Plaza.

g. **PARK ACCESSIBILITY AND FEASIBILITY STUDY** RES. NO. 15768
MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the modification of contract with Moore Iacofano Goltsman to extend the contract to 7/1/91 for the development of the Park Accessibility and Feasibility Study as required under Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

h. FULTON PLAYGROUND CLUBHOUSE — RES. NO. 15769
MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the modification of contract to Pyramid Construction in the amount of $13,662 for improvements at the Fulton Playground Clubhouse.

i. TENNIS COURT LIGHTING, PHASE I — RES. NO. 15770
AWARD OF CONTRACT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the award of contract to Precision Electrical Design Build, Inc., in the amount of $106,328 for tennis court lighting, Phase I.

j. GOLDEN GATE PARK, CHAIN OF LAKES — RES. NO. 15771
AWARD OF CONTRACT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the award of contract to Bellicitti & Pellicciotti, in the amount of $205,405, for rehabilitation of Chain of Lakes - North Lake, Golden Gate Park.

k. SAN FRANCISCO HILL STRIDE — RES. NO. 15772
PERMIT FEE

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the permit fee for the San Francisco Hill Stride to be held on August 5, 1990.

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

David Anderson, Zoo Director, explained the animal transactions: the Reeve's muntjac were being housed in a moat at the Zoo and were sold as it was inappropriate to house them this way. The Hanuman Langurs have been housed in another Zoo and since San Francisco did not have a location for them they were sold to that Zoo.

Vice President Eickman asked if the Reeve's muntjac transaction would deplete this animal from the Zoo. Mr. Anderson explained that with this sale the San Francisco Zoo would no longer have the Reeve's muntjac as part of its collection.

On motion of Commissioner Orr, seconded by Commissioner McAteer, the following resolution was adopted:

5. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS (Continued) **RES NO. 15773**

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transactions (which were processed under Resolution No. 13572) for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens:

SOLD TO: Safari Park West
3115 Porter Creek Road
Santa Rosa, CA 94504
USDA #93-C-93

°Five (5) male and six (6) female Reeve's muntjac, valued at $2,000 the group. Payment to be made to the Animal Purchase Account

SOLD TO: Hogle Zoo
P. O. Box 8475
Salt Lake City, Utah 84108
USDA #87-C-1

°One (1) male, three (3) female and 1 (one) unknown Hanuman Langurs, valued at $1,000.00 the group. Payment to be made to the Animal Purchase Account.

6. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**
ELEPHANT BARN MODIFICATIONS

Conceptual approval to modify the elephant barn, San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

David Anderson, Zoo Director, explained that one of the priorities at the Zoo has been to make the elephant exhibit a safer one. The proposed modifications are: placement of constraint bars in the elephant barn so the keepers will not have to be in with the elephants, reinforcement of the stalls and interior barn so that the Zoo has the option of having the elephants off chains at night, placement of a heated floor, and replacement of the concrete with a natural substrate.

Susanne Barthell, asked questions regarding the exhibit including the cost of renovation, if the exhibit was temporary, and if the floor would be slanted. She was pleased that something constructive was being done for the elephant exhibit.

Mr. Anderson explained that the floor will be sloped. He also said these modifications would cost several hundred thousand dollars and that it would be an interim exhibit until Zoo 2000 (Master Plan) was completed. He noted that as other construction projects take place at the Zoo the elephant exhibit may house other animals.

On recommendation of the Joint Zoo Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Orr, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15774

RESOLVED, That this Commission conceptually approves the modifications to the elephant barn, San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

7. **PERMIT AND RESERVATIONS POLICY**
SIX MONTH REVIEW

Review of the permit and reservations policy for use of facilities under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Department as required by Park Code Section 7.03-IV, Resolution 15585.

Joel Robinson, Superintendent of Recreation, explained that the Permit and Reservation Policy is reviewed every six months by the Commission. He outlined some of the proposed changes and amendments:

°**The capacity for the Bandshell in Golden Gate Park**: Staff recommended that the maximum capacity for the use of the temporary stage area at the Bandshell be 3,000 and that the maximum capacity for the north end of the concourse be 10,000. Staff will work individually with each group on these capacity restrictions to ensure that the maximum capacity for the temporary stage area does not exceed 3,000 and that the maximum capacity for the north end of concourse does not exceed 10,000.

°**Free Food Distribution Policy**: At the Committee level staff recommended that the free food distribution for **Civic Center Plaza** continue since the Mayor's plan to move the homeless into shelters had just been implemented. When this area was designated as a food distribution site there were a significant number of people in need of this food service. The Mayor's plan to house the homeless has been successful and staff has observed a significant drop in the daytime population of homeless in Civic Center Plaza. Therefore, staff now recommends that this area no longer be considered as an appropriate site for free food distribution.

With regard to the **Page/Stanyan** location, staff discussed some of the violations and problems which have occurred at this site. Mr. Robinson has also discussed these violations with Keith McHenry of Food Not Bombs. Staff has found a fluxuation in the attendance at this location with as many as 200 people on one day and as few as 20 on other days. Mr. Robinson explained that Mr. McHenry commented at the Committee level that he had not received some of the correspondence from staff regarding irregularities and violations of the permit. He presented a letter from Food Not Bombs which responded to correspondence sent to Mr. McHenry.

Mr. Robinson stated that given the number of people involved at the Page/Stanyan site and the fact that there is no free food service in the general area on Mondays he recommended that the Page/Stanyan site be considered appropriate for free food distribution.

President O'Connor said that the Commission received a number of letters stating that One Mind Temple on Divisadero offers free food on Mondays.

Mr. Robinson explained that this site was open and operating at the time the Commission adopted the free food regulations. He further explained that many members of the community have expressed concern over the definition of the word "need" in the food distribution regulations.

Larry Horton, a resident of the Haight-Ashbury for many years, said that One Mind Temple on Divisadero is an eight-block walk for the homeless and that it was not too far for them to use this facility. He felt threatened and unsafe in his own neighborhood and did not like the present situation. He suggested that Food Not Bombs could utilize Hamilton Baptist Church's parking lot on Mondays for food distribution.

7. **PERMIT AND RESERVATIONS POLICY**
SIX MONTH REVIEW (Continued)

William Allen, a nearby resident, echoed the previous speaker's statement and felt that this matter was more of a social service issue rather than a Recreation and Park issue. He said that at the Committee meeting Mr. McHenry stated that his main issue was not food distribution but getting his message to the public. Mr. Allen was not sure the Commission should involve itself in this matter and said that the entrance to Golden Gate Park is currently unusable.

Karen Allen, explained that the Haight/Stanyan entrance to Golden Gate Park is no longer accessible for the public and that derogatory comments have been directed toward her. She asked if the park was for everyone's enjoyment and further asked why this area of the park is so awful? She was opposed to the granting of a permit to Food Not Bombs because the organization is a magnet which draws more people to that portion of Golden Gate Park.

President O'Connor explained that the Commission cannot intercede and tell someone they must leave the park because of their attire or look and that someone must be violating the law in order to be removed.

Lilianne Milgrom, spoke in opposition to the granting of any permit for free food distribution in Golden Gate Park. She felt that the Commission should provide recreation and open space and not social services. She said that there has been no criteria as to the definition of "need". She asked the Commission to conduct a census as to who takes advantage of the service provided by Food Not Bombs and to review those findings to determine whether there is a need which justifies this program and the deterioration of this area of the park. She stated that Food Not Bombs has proven to be disruptive and a park abuser and on these grounds alone a permit should be denied to this organization.

Connie Kullberg, a nearby resident hoped the Commission would turn down a permit for Food Not Bombs. She explained that one must avoid that area of the park on Mondays because of drug dealings, harassment, litter and urination. Clothes are distributed and left in the park and the gardeners and neighborhood must clean up everything. She urged that a permit be turned down because it is a problem for the neighborhood.

Arvid Ekenberg, spoke in opposition to the free food distribution program. He stated that Food Not Bombs serves its own cult. He noted that one can go anywhere and with the call of free food attract a crowd. He felt the concept of "demonstrated need" was hollow. He explained that many neighbors have expressed their views and he agreed with those statements particularly the suggestion that a survey be taken as to who this free food program actually serves. He stated that it was an inappropriate activity for Golden Gate Park and that it attracts more and more problems. He urged the Commission not to renew the permit.

Robert Cohen, a nearby resident, did not know of a need for a food distribution program in Golden Gate Park. He felt that the "need" must be demonstrated and asked what the criteria is. He stated that free food is offered on Divisadero and that this site could be utilized. He felt threatened by this program, and, as a runner, does not use this area of the park on Mondays because of the threat of bodily harm. He stated that the park is for everyone and that it was improper for Recreation and Park to perform a social service.

7. **PERMIT AND RESERVATIONS POLICY**
SIX MONTH REVIEW (Continued)

Jennifer Landau, a resident, spoke against the granting of a permit to Food Not Bombs. She stated that the food distribution on Mondays is part of the total climate that has grown in the neighborhood. Clearly there is a need to help others but she was not sure that the granting of this permit was a way to resolve the problem. She was against the Food Not Bombs permit and avoided the Children's playground on Mondays because of the climate in this area of the park.

Captain Charles Hoenisch, representing the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD), stated that he basically agreed with the comments made and that they have noticed an increase of police problems on Mondays. He always felt that the park is for everyone and that problems with this group have reduced the accessibility to the Children's playground. He noted that parents are frightened to bring their children into the park. The SFPD has made numerous arrests in the area and that is an on-going process. He noted that he met with the Mayor on Monday and discussed the homeless problem. It is clear that no one is allowed to camp in any park in San Francisco and he felt that this removed the need for food distribution. The City is in the process of formulating a plan to give warnings to people who camp in the park and to explain the shelter programs. He explained that Food Not Bombs has been a problem group.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question if Food Not Bombs had been notified of the Commission meeting, staff informed him that they had been notified and also appeared at the Committee meeting.

Commissioner Ruiz believed that Recreation and Park must cooperate with other agencies and supported the concept of helping those in need. He stated that this is the third time that residents have spoken in opposition to free food distribution at this site. He was concerned that Food Not Bombs has been approached by staff to explain and define the terms of the permit, its conditions and restrictions. Yet Food Not Bombs has not cooperated with staff and he was dissatisfied with their record. If Food Not Bombs had tried to work with Recreation and Park in the spirit of alleviating this particular social problem perhaps he would think differently. He felt the Food Not Bombs permit should not be renewed.

President O'Connor clarified the point that Commissioner Ruiz did not want to renew the free food distribution permit for either Civic Center or Page/Stanyan.

Mary E. Burns, General Manager, reminded the Commission that it must rule that there is no longer a need for food distribution at these two locations.

Commissioner Ruiz said that an organization on Divisadero Street offers free food on Mondays and people can walk to this site.

Vice President Eickman endorsed the idea of not renewing the food distribution language but he pointed out to the residents that just because the Commission rules that food cannot be distributed on Mondays does not mean that the urban campground will disappear. He stated that some of the problems will remain.

7. **PERMIT AND RESERVATIONS POLICY**
SIX MONTH REVIEW (Continued)

Commissioner McAteer stated that Food Not Bombs has not lived up to the conditions of its permit and in its clean-up provisions and endorsed deletion of this section of the permit.

President O'Connor suggested that Mr. Robinson discuss with Mr. McHenry the idea of using the Hamilton parking lot for food distribution on Mondays. She also felt that people who did not work have sufficient time to walk for a meal.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner McAteer, the Commission voted to rescind Section IV of the Permit and Reservation Policy as it relates to Regulations Governing Distribution of Free Food to the Homeless on Park Property.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Orr, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15775

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the amendments to the permit and reservations policy for use of facilities under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Department as required by Park Code Section 7.03-IV.

8. **MARGARET HAYWARD PLAYGROUND**
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

Endorsement of the expansion of the Emergency Operations Center located at Margaret Hayward Playground under specified conditions.

Phil Arnold, Assistant General Manager for Administration, explained that this item was sent to the Commission without recommendation from the Committee level because the City Planning environmental review had not been completed. City Planning has now completed its environmental review and endorsed the expansion plans. Mr. Arnold explained that after the 10/17/89 earthquake it became apparent that the City's existing emergency operations center was insufficient because it was too crowded and lacked an assembly area. A plan has been developed which will place modular units outside of the existing building but until these units are installed the Office of Emergency Services (OES) would like to occupy an unused clubhouse at the playground for an 18-month period. Prior arrangements with OES gave the Department additional storage facilities at the playground. The expansion will remove a mulch and container site now used by gardeners to store materials and OES has promised to construct a storage facility for the Department which will be able to house 2 large vehicles and gardener materials. The unused clubhouse needs repair of a gas and water leak, rotted floor and must be made handicap accessible. OES will make these repairs if Recreation and Park will waive the clubhouse rental fee for up to 18-months.

Mr. Arnold recommended approval of the expansion plan for the Emergency Operation Center provided that the storage facility is constructed for Recreation and Park, the occupation of the clubhouse will not exceed an 18-month period, the clubhouse is brought up to City code, and that OES corrects any damage resulting from occupation of this building. In return, Recreation and Park will waive the rent for this facility for up to 18 months.

8. **MARGARET HAYWARD PLAYGROUND**
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

Commissioner McAteer asked what assurance does staff have that OES will live up to this agreement.

Mr. Arnold explained that Proposition "A" will fund the modular units and that there is sufficient funding to repair the clubhouse.

John Sucich, representing the Mayor's Office, explained that after the 10/17/89 earthquake it was evident that the present emergency operations center was inadequate. There are funds available, through a bond passed in 1986, to construct the expanded center. OES needs to be prepared for a future earthquake and is willing to make these improvements.

On motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15776

RESOLVED, That this Commission endorses the expansion of the Emergency Operations Center located at Margaret Hayward Playground under the following conditions: that the Office of Emergency Services (OES) provide to the Recreation and Park Department a storage space large enough to house two trucks and approximately 600 square feet of storage space,

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the agreement shall include a rental rate which, for a period of up to 18 months, shall be offset by the value of the improvements which OES makes to the building. These improvements shall include access for the disabled to meet State and City codes and a commitment by OES that any damage to the building caused by the OES occupancy would be repaired by OES at no cost to the Recreation and Park Department. A facility inspection shall be conducted before the building is occupied to establish the condition of the building and to identify any existing maintenance and repair problems.

9. **URBAN PARK RANGERS**
NO FIREARM POLICY

Approval of a "No Firearm Policy" for Urban Park Rangers.

ACTION: This item was removed from the Calendar.

10. **FIRE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL REUNION LUNCHEON**
FEE WAIVER REQUEST

Denial of a fee waiver for the San Francisco Fire Department's annual reunion luncheon.

Joel Robinson, Superintendent of Recreation, explained that this item is a request from the San Francisco Fire Department to waive the fee for use of the Sigmund Stern Grove clubhouse for a reunion luncheon. The existing policy is to not charge other City agencies for official Department events such as training sessions and seminars. It was his opinion that this request is not an official function of the San Francisco Fire Department and does not warrant a waiver of fees.

10. **FIRE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL REUNION LUNCHEON**
FEE WAIVER REQUEST (Continued)

On recommendation of the Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner McAteer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15777

RESOLVED, That this Commission upholds the denial of a fee waiver for use of Sigmund Stern Grove clubhouse for the San Francisco Fire Department's annual reunion luncheon.

11. **JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA**
REVOCABLE PERMIT

Approval of revocable permit to the Embarcadero Center for the construction elevator at Justin Herman Plaza.

Ernie Prindle, Assistant General Manager for Finance and Property, explained that this item is a request from the Embarcadero Center to place a construction elevator on Justin Herman Plaza. Staff recommends approval of a permit for an approximate 6-month period at $5,000 per month.

On recommendation of the Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Orr, seconded by Commissioner McAteer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15778

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the revocable permit to the Embarcadero Center for the construction elevator at Justin Herman Plaza.

12. **LAUREL HILL PLAYGROUND**
REVOCABLE PERMIT

Approval of revocable permit with Community College District for use of Laurel Hill Playground clubhouse to conduct an Adult Education Program.

ACTION: This item was removed from the Calendar.

13. **GOLDEN GATE PARK STABLES**
REVISED FEE SCHEDULE

Approval of the following revised fee schedule for the Golden Gate Park Stables, effective August 1, 1990:

Financial Analyst, Garrett Furuichi, outlined some of the modifications made to the stable's fee increase schedule: 1) the effective date of the fee increase shall be September 1, 1990 rather than August 1, 1990, (2) the holding fee shall begin at $50.00, increasing $25.00 per month to a maximum of $150.00 per month, and (3) the sublease/handler fee had been completely withdrawn. These changes were made by the lessee in response to the concerns expressed by the boarders. He noted that the fees are in line with fees charged at comparable facilities and recommended approval.

13. **GOLDEN GATE PARK STABLES**
REVISED FEE SCHEDULE (Continued)

Betty Silverman, the Golden Gate Park boarder's representative, felt that the boarding fee increase was too drastic and requested that the increase be $260.00 effective September 1, 1990, increasing to $275.00 on January 1, 1991. She further explained that the holding fee was put in place for boarders who wanted to send their horse out to pasture for a month or so. In some instances, if a horse dies, it is very difficult to find another horse that will be suitable to live in Golden Gate Park stables. She requested that the holding fee be $50.00 for the first month and if the boarder wanted the stall held without anybody else using it they should be charged $130.00. She asked the Commission to consider these proposals.

Dennis Hamby, the Golden Gate Park boarder's representative, stated that Ms. Silverman's comments represent the attitude of the boarders.

Polly Digman, the manager at the Golden Gate Park Stables, explained that she understood the problems the boarders have in purchasing new horses but that she has purchased 5 new horses which have all settled in Golden Gate Park and are doing fine.

Jerry Lombardi, representing the Golden Gate Park Stable's management, explained that they tried to develop a reasonable compromise for the rate increase. A meeting was held with the boarders on 7/8/90 where he listened to the boarder's concerns. Therefore, he submitted an amended rate increase. He did not want to amend the boarding rate increase because many capital projects needed immediate repair at the facility and they needed to generate funding to make those improvements. Many boarders did not want the sublease/handler fee so this fee was deleted from the fee schedule. The holding fee structure was developed so that boarders are not penalized. It costs management $135.00 a month to hold each stall because of insurance, rent, and labor costs. Recently, the Health Department inspected the facility and reviewed the code violations. He informed the Health Department that he planned to repair these code violations in the immediate future.

In response to Commissioner McAteer's question regarding the boarder's proposal to spread out the fee increase, Mr. Faruichi explained that staff felt the $275.00 rate is reasonable since the concessionaire committed to make $21,000 worth of capital improvement projects. In addition, the price of hay and worker's compensation will be increasing.

On motion of Commissioner Orr, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

13. **GOLDEN GATE PARK STABLES**
REVISED FEE SCHEDULE (Continued)

RES. NO. 15779

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the following revised fee schedule for the Golden Gate Park Stables, effective September 1, 1990:

ITEM	CURRENT	APPROVED
Board: (Monthly) Daily ration of 1/3 bale straw bedding 1 flakes alfalfa 2 flake oaks	$225.00	$275.00
Extra feed	50.00	60.00
Extra Bedding	40.00	50.00
Holding fee	50.00	50.00 a month, increasing each month by $25.00 to a maximum of $150.00 per month
Lessons:		
°One hour private	24.00	30.00
°One hour semi-private	17.00	20.00
°One hour group	12.00	15.00
°No show fee	9.00	10.00
Summer Camp	240.00	300.00
Per Hour	12.00	15.00
Outside Instructors	6.00	6.00
Rentals: °One hour private	24.00	30.00
°One hour group	9.00	16.00

14. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

Approval of supplemental appropriation in the amount of $537,000, for the Sharon Art Studio and Swimming Pools.

Ernie Prindle, Assistant General Manager for Finance and Property, explained that the Board of Supervisors agreed to establish a reserve to restore funding for the Sharon Arts Studio and prevent closure of the swimming pools. This would replace funding previously deleted by the Mayor's Office during the fiscal year 1990-91 budgetary process. The budget forecast is still unclear, but the Board did agree to restore funding for these two programs. He further added that the Board of Supervisors asked the Department to consider increasing fees for these programs in the future.

On recommendation of the Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee, and on motion of Commissioner McAteer, seconded by Commissioner Orr, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15780

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a supplemental appropriation in the amount of $537,000 to restore the Sharon Art Studio program and Swimming Pools hours.

15. **BEACH CHALET**
BID DEPOSIT

Approval to the Recreation and Park Department to retain the $25,000 bid deposit of Beach Chalet Group Inc. (NOTE: The Commission may convene in Executive Session pursuant to Section 54956.9(b) of the California Government Code to discuss potential litigation regarding this matter.)

This item was removed from the Calendar

16. **SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM**

On recommendation of the Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Orr, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15781

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the proposed settlement of the litigated claim of Marie Antunez in the amount of $30,000.00.

16a. **CANDLESTICK PARK**
MICKEY THOMPSON ENTERTAINMENT GROUP

Approval of Permit for Use of Candlestick Park on Saturday, November 3, 1990 for an off road vehicle event.

This item was removed from the Calendar

16b. **CANDLESTICK PARK**
HARRY M. STEVENS
LUXURY SUITES

Approval of Candlestick Park Luxury Suite Food and Beverage Prices for the 1990 Football Season.

Ernie Prindle, Assistant General Manager for Finance and Property, explained that this matter was calendared before the July Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee and was referred to the next Committee meeting because the Committee had not been afforded sufficient time to review the price increase proposal. Savino and Butler, the sublessee of Harry M. Stevens, provides food and beverage items for the luxury suites and has promised to submit the fee request in a timely fashion in the future.

General Manager Mary E. Burns, explained that this item was calendared because Harry M. Stevens requested that it be approved prior to the first football game.

President O'Connor explained that the concessionaire has promised to submit future requests no later than February of each year.

16b. **CANDLESTICK PARK**
HARRY M. STEVENS
LUXURY SUITES (Continued)

Marcia Smolens, representing Harry M. Stevens, explained that they submitted the price list for general admission food and beverage prices in February. She noted that under the Giants' lease, Harry M. Stevens is not required to receive approval from the Commission for the luxury suites but is required to do so under the 49ers lease. Next season Stevens will submit the luxury suite menu at the same time food and beverage items are submitted for the concession stands. She noted that the price approval cannot be unreasonably withheld and that she submitted comparables for review to the Commission.

President O'Connor noted that if a luxury suite holder does not want to order from Savino and Butler, they can purchase items from the concession stands. It is a service being offered to luxury suite holders.

Commissioner McAteer made a motion to approve the prices; it was not seconded.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded and carried, this matter was referred to the next meeting of the Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee.

16c. **CANDLESTICK PARK**
PRACTICAL PRODUCTIONS
APPEAL

Appeal of the Department's denial of Practical Productions' request to retain a $10,000 deposit.

Jim Cooney, Assistant Superintendent for Urban Forestry, explained that this item is an appeal of the Department's refusal to return a $10,000 deposit to Practical Production's. Practical Productions intended to produce a series of outdoor automotive events, creating a market for buying and selling of used automobiles. These events were to be held at the Candlestick park parking lot. The initial event was unsuccessful and the event promoter does not wish to stage future events. Therefore, they have requested a refund. Staff has offered to negotiate a future rent credit if they wish to stage another event. The agreement clearly states that this money is non-refundable. Staff recommended that this request be denied.

Brian Sharples, representing Practical Productions, explained that his agreement was for a series of events to be held over a five year period. The agreement required a deposit and fee to be paid for rental of the facility. Mr. Sharples paid the rental fee. The day of the event was very windy and tents were destroyed resulting in a loss of a great deal of money. Mr. Sharples was filing for bankruptcy, had lost a lot of money on this event and felt the weather conditions were beyond his control. He stated that the facility did not live up to the contract and that if he was able to retain the deposit his creditors could be paid money owed. He explained that he had paid the rental fee and asked to have the deposit returned. He did not intend to stage future events at Candlestick Park. He further stated that he would not file a lawsuit and would not appeal this matter any further.

16c. **CANDLESTICK PARK PRACTICAL PRODUCTIONS APPEAL (Continued)**

On motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Orr, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15782

RESOLVED, That this Commission denies the request of Practical Productions for a return of a $10,000 deposit.

17. **ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT**

On motion of Commissioner Orr, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15783

RESOLVED, That this Commission accepts the following gift valued at $179.12, for the Recreation and Park Department:

a. From Ken and Jacqui Holladay, one (1) twelve (12) Kilo bag of New Zealand Sphagnum Moss, valued at $170.12, for use at the Conservatory of Flowers, Golden Gate Park.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate letter of thanks be sent to the donor.

18. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission. Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President or the Commission may limit the total testimony to 30 minutes.

No public comment was received.

19. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President O'Connor discussed the Recreation and Park Commission's luxury suite for the football season.

20. **COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The following Committee reports were submitted to the Commission:

Joint Zoo Committee Meeting of June 6, 1990
Recreation Program Committee Meeting of June 27, 1990
Golden Gate Park Committee Meeting of July 2, 1990
Parks and Planning Committee Meeting of July 5, 1990
Finance and Administration Committee Meeting of July 12, 1990

21. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Tommy Harris

President O'Connor remembered Commissioner Tommy Harris who passed away on Wednesday, July 18, 1990. She noted that she had lost a friend and colleague in Tommy Harris and that he was a delight to work with and everyone enjoyed his company.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that Tommy served one of the longer terms on the Commission, over 16 years. She explained that Tommy always tried to put a little bit of humor into a serious situation and that everyone appreciated this trait. Tommy wanted to be everybody's friend. Sometimes, it was very difficult for him to make the tough decisions on the Commission but he took his role very seriously. He served as a very good sounding board for the Department's leases and concessions because of his experience in the restaurant business. Tommy was very proud to chair the Candlestick Committee and cared about the City's neighborhood parks.

Vice President Eickman explained that he knew Tommy for 13 years and they were close friends. He enjoyed the friendship and remembered Tommy's wife, Anne, who stood by Tommy's side for 60 years. He was pleased to see that a wreath had been placed at Tommy s seat because it made us all remember him. He hoped that we will continue to remember Tommy in the days to come.

Commissioner McAteer explained that she knew Tommy longer than any of the other commissioners since her brother when to junior high school with him when he was known as Milton Colberg. She loved Tommy because he was a fun-loving guy, who always gave you a compliment and made you feel good. Tommy gave people a good feeling and there are not a lot of people around who do that. Tommy loved this Commission with a passion and all his colleagues in the same way. We gave Tommy a lot of joy just as he gave us joy. She noted that one of his highlights in his career was being able to sing the "Star Spangled Banner" at Candlestick Park.

Commissioner Ruiz explained that he did not know Tommy for a long time but what he did know of him he liked. He, too, will miss Tommy. Tommy livened up any tedious meeting and always managed to bring you back to earth if you were overwhelmed.

Everyone commented that all the women loved Tommy Harris but his true love was his wife, Anne. They had a beautiful relationship and were blessed with three brilliant children.

21. ADJOURNMENT (Continued)

On motion of President O'Connor, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Commissioner Tommy Harris, who passed away on July 18, 1990.

On motion of Commissioner Orr, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Frank Boerger, Chairman of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area Advisory Commission, who passed away.

There being no further business, the 649th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

Note: These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Recreation and Park Commission on matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological order in which the matters were taken up.

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RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

650TH REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 1990 - 2:00 P.M.

The Six Hundred and Fiftieth Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, August 16, 1990, at 2:00 p.m. by President Connie O'Connor.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:
Commissioner Connie O'Connor, President
Commissioner Keith Eickman, Vice President
Commissioner Richard J. Guggenhime (noted present at 2:02 p.m.)
Commissioner Frances McAteer
Commissioner Trent Orr
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz (noted present at 2:05 p.m.)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Orr, seconded by Commissioner McAteer, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 19, 1990, were approved as presented.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Acting General Manager Phil Arnold, submitted the following report:

"GENERAL MANAGER'S CONDITION

As you know, Mary Burns broke her leg in a fall three weeks ago. The fractures in her leg appear to be healing well. She can probably begin limited use of it next week, depending on the results of the x-rays to be taken on Wednesday. If all goes well she hopes to attend Wednesday's special meeting of the Commission. Mary wishes to express her gratitude for the many gestures of kindness extended to her by members of the Commission and staff.

YOSEMITE FIRE UPDATE

As of 7:00 p.m. Wednesday evening, August 15th, the bigger of the two main fires, the "A-Rock" fire, had been 90% contained. The upper meadow at Camp Mather is being used as a fire encampment for firefighters currently engaged in an attempt to contain and eventually control this fire.

Camp itself continues to operate at about 99% of capacity. Phone service as of this date is still unavailable, with the likelihood of the system being restored this weekend or early next week.

INTRODUCTION OF JOANNE WILSON

I am pleased to inform you that the Recreation and Park Department has recently hired Joanne Wilson as a Park Planner. This position has been vacant since Deborah Learner took over management of all of the Park Bond projects. Ms. Wilson was educated at the University of San Francisco and the University of California, Los Angeles. Her previous experience includes positions with the Grand Canyon National Park and the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. Ms. Wilson's most recent position was with the Department of City Planning in the Code Compliance Division and the Office of Environmental Review.

Ms. Wilson will be working with Deborah Learner on many projects, including the area plan for the Richmond/Sunset Treatment Plant site at the west end of Golden Gate Park, the Significant Natural Areas Management Plan and the Golden Gate Park Master Plan.

Welcome, Joanne, to the Recreation and Park Department. I know the Commission joins me in extending you all good wishes and success in your new position.

FOOD NOT BOMBS

On Friday, August 10, Dr. Tom Peters, Associate Director of Public Health, issued an order suspending the health permit for Food Not Bombs. The only way this group can relieve this suspension is to reapply to the Health Department and meet the following conditions: 1) proof of present possession of all necessary equipment to meet any and all state and local health code requirements; 2) proof of a suitable site (not necessarily a Recreation/Park site). If Food Not Bombs were to successfully reapply it would be related to a "site specific" permit.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

SENIOR STAFF REORGANIZATION

With the passage of the State budget, the City faces a severe shortfall of approximately $30 million. The Mayor has asked each department to prepare cuts of at least 2% of their General Fund allocation. For the Recreation and Park Department this reduction amounts to approximately $545,000. In an effort to alleviate some of the pressure of the budget "crunch" and to streamline and improve the efficiency of Recreation and Park operations, as of Monday, August 13, 1990, the General Manager made the following changes in staff responsibilities: Phil Arnold, Assistant General Manager, Administration, will assume responsibility for budget, accounting and [illegible] processing. Ernie Prindle, Assistant General Manager, Finance [illegible] Property, will assume responsibility for public relations and focus [illegible] development of additional revenues with an emphasis on revenues other [illegible] fee increases. These changes will allow for a more efficient administration and will enable us to increase non-General Fund revenues.

WATER CONSERVATION UPDATE

Barney Barron has informed me that the monthly water allotment report for July has not been received. However, until new data is obtained, his assessment of the appearance of the parks suggests that the Department is doing its part to keep in compliance with monthly water allotments.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS

Betty Lim, Safety Officer, has reported that the cost of Workers' Comp. claims for FY 1989-90 was $133,000 below the cost for the previous FY, 1988-89. This is especially encouraging in light of the fact that the benefits increased on January 1, 1990.

SUPERVISOR NELDER INTRODUCES LEGISLATION TO ESTABLISH CITIZENS' ZOO OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Supervisor Nelder has introduced legislation to establish an ongoing Citizens' Zoo Oversight Committee. The purpose of the Committee will be to conduct periodic reviews of the operations of the Zoo and to advise the Board of Supervisors about the quality of animal care, working conditions of employees, and educational exhibits and programs. This legislation as been scheduled for hearing on August 21st before the City Services Committee of the Board of Supervisors.

The Commission Secretary was directed to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors' in opposition to this matter.

MUNI AND THE ZOO

Three different ads are now being displayed in Muni busses and trolleys promoting the Zoo and use of Muni transportation to the Zoo. This is part of a joint project between the Recreation and Park Department and Muni.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

CITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 1990 San Francisco City Golf Tournament sponsored by Thomas Culligan was a great success. In a letter written to President O'Connor, dated August 3, 1990, Mr. Culligan requested that the Commission again permit him to sponsor the tournament in 1991, and noted that he felt his involvement in local and national golf over the years helped to make the 1990 tournament such a success. Mr. Culligan's correspondence is at your place. I think a letter to Mr. Culligan from the Commission would be appropriate.

The Commission Secretary was directed to send a letter to Mr. Culligan thanking him for his sponsorship.

TEEN CAREER DAY

On Friday, August 10, eighty youth participated in a Teen Career Day sponsored by the Hamilton Teen Center. This session is just one in a series of training programs provided to all Workreation participants. The title of the program was "Choices" -- choices that would have a lifelong impact on the career goals of all who attended. Workshops included information on childcare/social work, computers, mechanics, recreation and parks, teaching, health services, law enforcement, and firefighters. The final session in this series will be held tomorrow at the Center.

STRYBING ARBORETUM 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year. On Sunday, September 16th, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. there will be a festival celebrating this event. Many activities are planned -- gardening demonstrations, music, a plant sale, a plant "doctor" to answer questions, as well as food and beverage concessions by selected restaurants.

Prior to the festival, beginning at 10:30 a.m., a brunch will be held in the Demonstration Gardens. Commissioners will be receiving their invitations in the mail.

GOLDEN GATE FESTIVAL (SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY FAIR)

The Golden Gate Festival will start off with a Preview Party on Thursday, August 23, from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., with the opening of the Fair on Friday, August 24th.

After three months of extensive planning, the Department feels that this event will be the beginning of a great San Francisco tradition. Ethan Hirsch, County Fair Manager, encourages you to give him verbal or written feedback on your evaluation of the Fair.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

PALACE OF FINE ARTS LIGHTING PROJECT

The lighting of the Palace of Fine Arts is scheduled to be completed in early November, 1990. The Light the Palace Committee, in conjunction with Friends of Recreation and Parks, has received many individual and corporate donations for the project, including $100,000 from PG&E, $10,000 from San Francisco Beautiful and over $125,000 from individual donors. The endowment fund of $50,000 is in place as required by the Commission and the first order for lights has been made.

RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT MONTHLY CLAIMS SETTLEMENT REPORT

The following are litigated and unlitigated claims under $5,000 settled by the City Attorney's Office (last names only):

Claimant	Amount	Claima	Amount
Ashmeade	$ 244.47	Schreiber	$ 250.00
Knauber	650.00	Wiss	246.58
Simmonds	371.83	Constantine	312.11
Carsch	259.40	Johnson	235.00
Htut,	1,483.42	Tsang	56.60
Walls	1,294.93	Long, R.	285.68
		Eu, V.	4,500.00

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, August 22, 1990	Recreation Program and Mather Committee, 4:00 p.m., 6th and Folsom Recreation Center
Wednesday, August 22, 1990	Special Commission Meeting, 6:00 p.m., 6th and Folsom Recreation Center
Monday, September 3, 1990	Labor Day Holiday
Tuesday, September 4, 1990	Joint Zoo Committee, 5:00 p.m., San Francisco Zoo
Thursday, September 6, 1990	Parks and Planning Committee, 9:00 a.m., McLaren Lodge
Thursday, September 6, 1990	Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee, 4:00 p.m, McLaren Lodge
Sunday, September 9, 1990	Opera In The Park, 2:00 p.m., Stern Grove
Wednesday, September 12, 1990	Golden Gate Park Committee, 3:00 p.m., (tour), 4:00 p.m., Meeting, McLaren Lodge"

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

In response to Commissioner Orr's question, Deborah Learner explained that Item 4d (Golden Gate Park, North Lake) rescinds a supplemental appropriation previously approved by the Commission. This project has now been incorporated into this year's Open Space Program budget and a supplemental appropriation is no longer required.

On motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Orr, ratification of the following resolutions, which are processed under Resolution No. 13572:

a. Personnel Matters — RES. NO. 15784

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period July 6, 1990 through August 1, 1990.

c. JAPANESE PEACE PLAZA LIGHTING AGREEMENT THIRD AMENDMENT — RES. NO. 15785

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the third amendment for the Japanese Peace Plaza Lighting Agreement.

d. GOLDEN GATE PARK, NORTH LAKE RECISION OF PREVIOUS RESOLUTION — RES. NO. 15786

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the recision of Resolution #15679 and reallocation of Open Space project balances into Open Space Project Number 238-01: Various Facilities Remodeling, in the amount of $315,000 for the restoration of North Lake in Golden Gate Park.

e. LAUREL HILL PLAYGROUND REVOCABLE PERMIT — RES. NO. 15787

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the revocable permit with the Community College District for use of Laurel Hill Playground Clubhouse to conduct an Adult Education Program.

f. GOLDEN GATE PARK STREET CLOSURE SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY FAIR — RES. NO. 15788

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the closure of Martin Luther King Drive between Seventh and Ninth Avenue from Thursday, August 23, 1990 through Sunday, August 26, 1990, for the San Francisco County Fair.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

g. GOLDEN GATE PARK — RES. NO. 15789
STRYBING ARBORETUM CLOSURE
SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY FAIR

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the closure of Strybing Arboretum from Thursday, August 23, 1990 through Sunday, August 26, 1990 for the San Francisco County Fair.

h. GOLDEN GATE PARK — RES. NO. 15790
ROAD CLOSURES
RUN TO THE FAR SIDE V

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request to close various roads in Golden Gate Park from RhodyCo Productions on behalf of the California Academy of Sciences to stage the fifth annual "Run to the Far Side V" on Sunday, November 25, 1990.

i. CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES — RES. NO. 15791
RUN TO THE FAR SIDE
PERMIT FEE

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the permit fee and in-kind waiver for California Academy of Sciences, "Run to the Far Side" on November 25, 1990.

Item 4b was considered separately.

b. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY
LEASE AMENDMENT

Susan Barthell, asked what the San Francisco Zoological Society lease amendment entailed.

Ernie Prindle, Assistant General Manager for Finance and Property, explained that this lease amendment adds a late payment provision into the agreement.

On motion of Commissioner Orr, seconded by Commissioner Eickman, the following resolution was adopted;

RES. NO. 15792

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the lease amendment with the San Francisco Zoological Society.

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

In response to Commissioner Eickman's question, **David Anderson, Zoo Director**, explained that the Rocky Mountain Goat which is the subject of this item was considered surplus to the needs of the San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

On motion of Commissioner McAteer, seconded by Commissioner Eickman, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15793

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transaction (which was processed under Resolution No. 12 2) for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens:

SOLD TO: Ross Park Zoo
185 Park Avenue
Binghamton, New York 13903
USDA #21-EA

One (1) female Rocky Mountain Goat, valued at $5,000. Payment to be made to the Animal Purchase Account.

6. EUREKA VALLEY PLAYGROUND
DOG RUN AREA

Denial of the request from various neighborhood groups to designate a dog run area in Eureka Valley Playground.

Ron deLeon, Assistant Superintendent for Neighborhood Parks and Squares, explained that this item is a request to designate the field at Eureka Valley Playground as an official dog run area whereby dogs would be allowed to run off leash. The playground is heavily used for athletic events and both the Douglass and Live Oak Schools use the facility daily during the school year. Adjacent to the athletic field is an unfenced tennis court which becomes part of the outfield when softball is played. Staff has received numerous complaints regarding dogs feces on the field and dogs running loose. There are three existing dog run areas in the nearby vicinity to this playground: Mission Dolores, Corona Heights and Duboce Park. Mr. deLeon recommended that the dog run request be denied because of the number of recreational activities which take place at this playground and because the dog run would be in direct conflict with the recreational uses at this facility.

David McGrary, spoke in support of a dog run and stated that many parents voiced their opposition to the dog run at the Committee level. Mr. McGrary explained that many of the dogs who defecate belong to softball players using the park. He stated that the responsible people who live in the area are not responsible for the dog feces problem. The softball players have now ceased to bring their dogs to the area and, for the most part, those that do use the area, pick up after their dogs. He stated that the neighborhood awareness has increased and people are more conscientious about this issue. He noted that there is a "poop patrol" that cleans the park in the morning. He further noted that signage at the park at one time read "No Dogs Allowed Off Leash" and was replaced 3 months ago with 12 signs which read "No Dogs Allowed". He asked who authorized the change in signage.

6. EUREKA VALLEY PLAYGROUND
DOG RUN AREA (Continued)

Frances E. Winn, opposed the proposal to designate Eureka Valley as a dog run area. She stated that at the Committee meeting concern was expressed about dog owners who are in poor health and unable to take their dogs to the other designated dog run areas. She explained the organization entitled PAWS provides assistance for such dog owners. She noted that many parents live in the area and use this small park for their children.

Edward Herrera, described an incident that occurred to him at Eureka Valley Playground: when trying to catch a ball in the outfield a dog came up and jumped him.

Clara Coff, stated that she used Eureka Valley Playground extensively and recounted an incident when a senior citizen slipped on dog feces at the park causing an injury. She felt that it was not just the dog feces problem but, at times, dogs prevent park users from playing tennis.

William Young, spoke in support of a dog run and stated that the problem of dog feces in the playground was grossly exaggerated at the Committee level. Every morning a group cleans the area of dog feces. He stated that there is a need for a dog run in this area because many people in the neighborhood are ill and unable to climb the hill to Corona Heights or Kite Hill and Dolores Park is unsafe. He stated that Kite Hill is full of foxtails. He requested dog run hours early in the morning and late in the evening when softball games are completed. Thus, the dog run hours would not interfere with the activities that take place at the park. He explained that the PAWS organization only offers assistance for those who are seriously ill and that many people with AIDS are not totally disabled.

Jennifer Weeg, a vocal parent and dog owner, saw no reason why Eureka Valley Playground should be designated as a dog run area. She felt the dog run proposal was incompatible with the uses at the park and noted that two schools use the playground daily. She also stated that dogs make holes in the field causing the area to be unsafe.

David Johnson, President of the Eureka Valley Promotions Association, asked how many signatures had been received in favor of and in opposition to the dog run.

Of the 2 petitions received, 750 were in favor; and 161 opposed. Mr. deLeon felt the park use issue was under discussion, not the number of signatures for or against this matter.

In response to Commissioner McAteer's query if dogs are allowed on leash in the park, Mr. deLeon explained the signage was changed recently and that staff is reviewing this specific point.

President O'Connor asked staff to change the signage until such time as the Commission takes formal action on this matter.

6. EUREKA VALLEY PLAYGROUND
DOG RUN AREA (Continued)

Lisa Szer, a parent and resident of the neighborhood, stated that there are not many places for children to play and that this playground is not compatible with dogs. She used the field yesterday and noted that the area was very clean but she did not expect it to stay in that condition. She explained that there are many holes in the field from dogs. She urged that this request be denied.

James Heig, displayed a pair of his child's torn pants which resulted when a dog was was running loose at a playground. He stated that dogs cannot be controlled when they are off leash. He urged that this request be denied.

Linda Scotting, a parent of two children who attend Live Oak School, wondered how dog run hours would be enforced. She stated that there are people who are afraid of dogs and that not all dog owners pick up after their dogs.

Vice President Eickman recommended against the establishment of the dog run because it is a small playground used by many children. He felt that if dog run hours were established people would tend to use the park for this purpose at any time.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner McAteer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15794

RESOLVED, That this Commission denies the request to designate a dog run area in Eureka Valley Playground.

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A question ensued regarding dogs on leash in the park and whether they could be restricted when an athletic event is played. **Barney Barron, Superintendent of Parks**, explained that at some point in the near future the Commission may have to consider whether or not dogs will be allowed on leash in playgrounds.

7. SIGMUND STERN GROVE
DOG RUN AREA

Denial of the request from various neighborhood groups to designate a second dog run area in Sigmund Stern Grove.

Ron deLeon, Assistant Superintendent for Neighborhood Parks and Squares, explained that this item is a request to designate a portion of Sigmund Stern Grove as a dog run area. The area requested is in the west meadow where dogs are currently allowed on leash. Requests were made to the Department of Animal Control, particularly by the staff at the Pine Lake Day Camp, to enforce the leash laws because of the children who use the camp. Complaints have been registered from residents adjacent to Sigmund Stern Grove and from gardeners. Staff felt that the proposed area is a

7. SIGMUND STERN GROVE
DOG RUN AREA (Continued)

continuation of the Stern Grove meadow and that people should be able to enjoy the area without being confronted with the dog holes and excessive dog feces. He further noted that the Commission designated portion of Sigmund Stern Grove (off Wawona Street) for a dog run in 1975.

Commissioner McAteer explained that she has used the dog run on Wawona Street and felt it was large and spacious. She noted that it is frightening for children to be accosted by dogs and was concerned about the location of Pine Lake Day Camp.

Mr. deLeon added that recently two incidents of dogs approaching children occurred at this area which would not have happened if the dogs were on leash. He noted that the Recreation and Park Department provides many dog run areas.

Diane Kirsten-Martin, spoke against designating the meadow area as a dog run. She stated that her son uses Pine Lake and that nobody keeps their dog on leash. She explained that there is a lot of dog feces in the meadow area and that nobody obeys the leash laws.

David McGrary, said that the SPCA estimated that the City's dog population was between 5-10,000 ten years ago and is now between 20-25,000. He explained that there are two City agencies that find homes for pets yet the Commission is opposed to providing tax-paying citizens any places for dogs. He stated that less than 5% of the parks are set aside for dogs. He felt that dogs have a place in an urban setting and that dog owners deserve consideration.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner McAteer, seconded by Commissioner Eickman, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15795

RESOLVED, That this Commission denies the request from various neighborhood groups to designate a second dog run area in Sigmund Stern Grove.

8. GOLDEN GATE PARK/CONSERVATORY MEADOW
MULTIPLE DAY EVENT

Consideration of the requests from the New Shakespeare Company to reserve Conservatory Meadow off behind Garfield's statue, and approval for the actors to parade in the vicinity of the performance space on specified dates and times for free performances in August and September 1990.

Peter Ashe, Assistant Superintendent for Cultural Division, explained that the Parks and Planning Committee directed staff to work out a location for this multiple day event. Staff has selected the Shakespeare Garden for this year's event. The sunken meadow area, where this group has performed in the past, will be available for use next year. Shakespeare in the Park stages its production west of the Conservatory Valley and there was concern that there would be confusion if this event was placed near the Conservatory Meadow. Staff felt that the Shakespeare Garden location will resolve the concern.

8. GOLDEN GATE PARK/CONSERVATORY MEADOW
MULTIPLE DAY EVENT (Continued)

On motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Orr, the following resolution was adopted;

RES. NO. 15796

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the requests from the New Shakespeare Company to reserve Shakespeare Garden and approves the actors to parade in the vicinity of the performance space on specified dates and times for free performances in August and September 1990.

9. GOLDEN GATE PARK
HAIGHT-ASHBURY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
RECYCLING CENTER

Approval of Agreement with the Haight-Ashbury Neighborhood Council for the operation of Recycling Center, Golden Gate Park.

Ernie Prindle, Assistant General Manager for Finance and Property, explained that this agreement provides a $4,000 gift to the Department. He stated that it is a 3-year agreement with two one-year options and requires a plan of operation and other improved lease terms.

Deborah Learner, Park Planner, explained that she was concerned about the recycling center in Golden Gate Park. Recycling is a light industrial use and not a recreational activity, and she felt that the Commission should properly examine the land use issue very carefully at some time in the future. Recycling at this site, as a land use issue, was never considered by the Commission until well after the center was in operation under the term of an event permit. Ten years ago the group operated under a permit granted through the Department on a month-to-month basis. When the Kezar Master Plan was developed, the recycling center was allowed to remain because it had become an established feature in that part of the park. She stated that the recycling center is interested in increasing its revenue and efficiency and this could mean larger containers which may have an adverse impact on park property. She commended the recycling center for its dedication and its high ideals.

Sadja Greenwood, explained that she has been using the recycling center ever since it opened in 1974 and that 100,000 trees have been saved because of recycling. She felt the recycling center could become an educational tool for the park, both for children and visitors, and teach the importance of recycling. She wanted the recycling center to continue in the park with the most favorable lease terms.

Jim Rhoads, President of the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council (HANC), commended Mr. Prindle and his staff for the amenable working relationship which has been established. He explained that this agreement was negotiated for several months and was a difficult process because, at times, each side had different objectives. He felt it was a fair agreement for the Department and HANC and sets up a working relationship on an ongoing basis to recycle in the park. He did not want to see any provision of the lease modified particularly the lease terms. He noted that the second 2 years are at the option of both parties. He urged approval of the agreement as presented.

9. GOLDEN GATE PARK
HAIGHT-ASHBURY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
RECYCLING CENTER (Continued)

Theresa Angeli, urged that the agreement be accepted.

Kevin Drew, manager of the Haight Ashbury Recycling Center, stated that staff and HANC worked very hard to develop a good relationship and looked for a long term relationship with the Department. He stated that the role of recycling should not be divorced from people's lives.

Amy Perlmutter, the Recycling Coordinator for the City's Recycling Program, urged the Commission to adopt the lease as negotiated. She stated that there are many controls in the agreement and that both parties may review the lease at the end of each year. She stated that much energy was put into negotiating this lease and urged adoption of the lease as proposed.

Katherine Bird, a resident of the neighborhood and member of the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council and various other groups, supported the recycling efforts but asked the Commission to consider the new Kezar Stadium. She felt the recycling center property may be less compatible than it has been in the past with the completion of Kezar. She thought that perhaps the recycling center could be sited at a different location. She urged the Commission to make sure that all the lease terms are enforced. She felt the center should disclose where and to whom money is given.

Greg Gaar, a Board member of the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council, former manager of the recycling center, and Grants Chair of the HANC, explained that HANC members receive the "Voice" publication which lists grant recipients. He appreciated the fact that the Department and recycling center worked together so diligently on the lease and urged the Commission to approve the agreement as proposed. He encouraged the Commission to view the operation and said that over 5,000 use the facility every month.

Commissioner Guggenhime stated that there was concern about the $4,000 gift to the Department because of the budgetary problems facing Recreation and Park. He was concerned about the gift to the Department because of the significant amount of money that HANC gives to various recipients. After reviewing the lease more carefully, he was not as concerned. When Kezar Stadium is completed and when curbside recycling is offered to the community, there may be an impact on the recycling center revenues.

Commissioner Orr questioned if there was anything in the agreement which prevented the Commission from terminating the lease or extending it. He also voiced his concern about the land use issue although he had a great deal of sympathy for the recycling effort. He thought emphasis should be given on the educational component of the recycling center.

Commissioner McAteer was concerned that the Kezar Stadium project may change the tenor of the neighborhood. She noted that the Stadium will have a promenade and the noise of the recycling center may interfere with the promenade.

9. GOLDEN GATE PARK
HAIGHT-ASHBURY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
RECYCLING CENTER (Continued)

Mr. Prindle explained that the Commission had the choice of not exercising the option period.

Vice President Eickman clarified the point that at the end of the first year the Commission could inform the recycling center that it did not wish to exercise the option to extend the agreement and/or may wish to renegotiate.

On recommendation of the Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Guggenhime, seconded by Commissioner Orr, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15797

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the agreement with the Haight-Ashbury Neighborhood Council for the operation of Recycling Center, Golden Gate Park.

10. CANDLESTICK PARK
HARRY M. STEVENS - BUTLER CATERING

Ratification of Luxury Suite food and beverage prices for the 1990 football season.

Ernie Prindle, Assistant General Manager for Finance and Property, explained that this item is a request from Butler Catering, the sublessee of Harry M. Stevens, the food and beverage concessionaire for football games, to increase luxury suite food and beverage prices for the 1990 football season. He stated that comparable prices for six other luxury suite stadiums were submitted and that the price increase request was in line with prices charged at other stadiums.

Commissioner Guggenhime noted that a luxury suite holder is not obligated to purchase items from Butler Catering and that they may bring in their own food. He stated that there is no question that the prices are high but people do not have to use the service and the Commission cannot unreasonably withhold a price increase request. He felt that the other stadium price lists reflected that this price increase request was in line.

Commissioner McAteer felt the price increase request was reasonable.

President O'Connor noted that some of the prices were lowered this year from prices charged in the past.

On motion of Commissioner Guggenhime, seconded by Commissioner McAteer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15798

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the Luxury Suite food and beverage prices for the 1990 football season.

11. SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS
INDEMNIFICATION CLAUSE OF LEASE

Discussion of the request of the San Francisco Forty Niners to amend the indemnification clause of their current lease.

Mara Rosales, Deputy City Attorney, explained that the Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee recommended an amendment to the indemnification clause of the lease so that it would read "....except judgments or claims for personal or bodily injuries to or death of persons or damage to property caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of city, its agents or employees on the demised premises." She further stated that there has been much discussion regarding the use of the word "active" in the clause. The Committee recommended language deleting the 49ers' responsibility for those claims which are caused by the City's negligence or the City's willful misconduct. Commissioner Guggenhime asked staff to set forth a claims history so that the Commission could get a sense of the City's risk if this modified language was approved. Currently, the 49ers are responsible for everything that happens at the stadium and this amendment would place some of the risk on the City.

Phil Arnold, Acting General Manager, explained that the 49ers would remain responsible for occurrences at the stadium with the exception of incidents that are caused and/or linked by the City's negligence.

Ms. Rosales explained that claims would have to be determined on a case-by-case basis. If there is a difference of opinion as to who is responsible for the claim and the City takes the position that it is not responsible, then the 49ers could be considered in breach of the lease.

Mr. Arnold explained the claim history: 68 claims were filed over the last ten years, 8 of them litigated incidents. $15 million worth of claims have been filed for which the City has paid $6,000. The 49ers or other third parties were given the bulk of these claims. On 42 claims, totalling over $9 Million, the status is unclear.

President O'Connor noted that $16 Million of claims have been filed in 10 years for incidents at football games. The Giants have now informed the Department that if the language is changed for the 49ers it should also be modified for them. She further noted that the Giants use the stadium much more than the 49ers and, therefore, the Giants should assume more of the responsibility.

Mr. Arnold explained that the claims relate to equipment malfunction, a fight in the stands, a slip on the concourse, etc.

11. SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS
INDEMNIFICATION CLAUSE OF LEASE (Continued)

James Lazarus, representing the San Francisco 49ers, stated that the indemnification clause language was part of a package of lease negotiation matters brought to the Commission last Fall. The Commission approved a variety of amendments including new suites, new seating areas, parking lot operations, etc. One of the issues raised was indemnification for certain injuries caused by the negligence of the City and not the 49ers. He felt that the 49ers and City reached an understanding that there would be a change in the liability provision of the lease. Staff and the 49ers have been working on this language since January, 1990 and have language approved at the Committee level. The 1989-90 lease amendment package is pending approval of this issue. He stated that there was agreement, in principle, to a narrow change in the indemnification clause. The 49ers are concerned about mechanical devices at the stadium which are maintained and operated by the City. He stated that this issue for the 49ers is very different from its application to the Giants because the Giants operate the stadium on 80 dates; the City, and not the 49ers, operates the stadium on the 10 football season dates. Therefore the 49ers believe maintenance of mechanical devices are a responsibility of the City.

Mr. Arnold, presented a claim summary which listed all of the claims, both litigated and unlitigated, over the past 10 years, for football season. The 49ers reviewed this document and recorded payments made by the City and/or 49ers. Mr. Arnold was concerned about the monetary issue because if the City accepts the risk the Department will need to set aside funding. The City's General Fund will not take this responsibility. He explained that if the Commission accepts this language it needs to set up a special claim fund which will be drawn from capital renovation of the stadium.

Commissioner Ruiz asked if the City would have to assume responsibility for cases that are currently outstanding.

Commissioner Guggenhime stated that the Giants operate the stadium and that this issue is completely different. He favored the change in language because the City has realized increased revenues from the new 49er owner. He thought it was an unfair situation because the Morabito family negotiated the first lease and Mr. Debartolo assumed the lease. He stated that with the change in wording the 49ers are still responsible for everything unless it is caused by the negligence of City. As a lawyer Commissioner Guggenhime felt it was a fair trade off.

Commissioner Orr stated that the present clause was as a result of hard negotiation. He reminded the Commission that they were being asked to give up a very valuable clause at a time when the City is in a terrible budget situation. He thought it was an open question as to whether the City should assume a major piece of liability for which its gets nothing in return. He noted that even though the revenues have increased, the City is not the only body making a profit from the 49ers.

Commissioner Eickman made a motion to not change the language in the indemnification clause. Commissioner Orr seconded this motion. This motion failed.

11. SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS
INDEMNIFICATION CLAUSE OF LEASE (Continued)

On motion of Commissioner Guggenhime, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15799

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an amendment to the indemnification clause of the San Francisco 49ers lease to read as follows:

Lessee agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and defend City and County of San Francisco, Recreation and Park Commission, and their members, and all of the officers, agents and employees of either, from and against all liability, judgments or claims for personal or bodily injuries to or death of persons or damage to property, purportedly caused by City or by Lessee, its agents or employees' use of, or occupancy, or operations upon the demised or other assigned premises, or Lessee's activities anywhere in connection with the operations permitted under this lease, and in and about the Stadium, except judgments or claims for personal or bodily injuries to or death of persons or damage to property caused by the active negligence or willful misconduct of city, its agents or employees on the demised premises.

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Guggenhime, McAteer, O'Connor, Ruiz
Noes: Commissioners Eickman, Orr

12. BEACH CHALET
BID DEPOSIT

Approval for the Recreation and Park Department to retain the $25,000 bid deposit of Beach Chalet Group Inc. (NOTE: The Commission may convene in Executive Session pursuant to Section 54956.9(b) of the California Government Code to discuss potential litigation regarding this matter.)

Ernie Prindle, Assistant General Manager for Finance and Property, explained that this item was heard before the Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee last month where the Committee recommended that the Department retain the bid deposit.

John Wiley, representing the Beach Chalet Group, questioned the factual ground for the forfeiture. He said the Commission minutes state that the deposit may be retained because of "...administrative expenses incurred by the Department." He was unclear about the factual reasons for the forfeiture.

Mara Rosales, Deputy City Attorney, stated that because of the threat of litigation she did not recommend that the Commission try to reconstruct the record.

Mr. Wiley stated that he did not see the factual basis for the forfeiture. He noted that the Beach Chalet Group wanted to avoid litigation and to reach a settlement at this meeting.

3:50 p.m. to 4:10 p.m. the Commission convened in Executive Session.

12. **BEACH CHALET**
BID DEPOSIT (Continued)

Commissioner Orr made a motion to renew a previous offer made: that the Department would return $12,500 and retain the balance. If this offer was refused by close of business of this meeting, the Department would retain the entire deposit.

At 4:30 p.m. Mr. Wiley communicated with the City Attorney

Mr. Wiley informed the Commission that the Beach Chalet Group accepted the City's offer provided that payment was received in one week. His client further requested that the Commission consider allocating the $12,500 for maintenance and/or improvements to the Beach Chalet.

Ms. Rosales added that payment would be made conditioned on the fact that both parties sign a release.

On motion of Commissioner Orr, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15800

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the settlement offer that the City retain $12,500 of the bid deposit provided that each party sign a release in favor of the other party.

13. **SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM**

Approval of the proposed settlement of the litigated claim of John Aitken, in the amount of $5,000.00.

On recommendation of the Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner McAteer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15801

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the proposed settlement of the litigated claim of John Aitken, in the amount of $5,000.00.

13A. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
1990-91 BUDGET REDUCTIONS

Consideration of reductions to the 1990-91 Recreation and Park Department budget necessitated by State revenue shortfalls.

Phil Arnold, Acting General Manager, explained that the passage of the 1990-91 state budget has left the City with a revenue shortfall of approximately $30 Million. The Mayor has asked each Department which receives allocations from the General Fund to reduce its General Fund budget by 2%. This amounts to approximately $545,000 for Recreation and Park. These reductions must be submitted to the Mayor by the end of August. The Mayor's guidelines ask that: (a) if the proposed reductions involve layoffs, they should not take effect until October 1, 1990, (b) any proposed reduction should be sustainable and should not be requested in subsequent fiscal years, and (c) additional non-General Fund revenues can be considered as offsets to budget reductions.

13A. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
1990-91 BUDGET REDUCTIONS (Continued)

Mr. Arnold explained that the Mayor plans to raise $10 Million in revenues, $10 Million in reductions from the Health Department and $10 Million in reductions form other City agencies. He noted that the Board of Supervisors has previously rejected the Mayor's revenue package.

In response to Commissioner Guggenhime's question as to what would happen if the Department took no action regarding this matter, Mr. Arnold explained that the Mayor's Office would decide where to delete $545,000. Mr. Arnold stated that the Department has put together a list of items that he suggested be discussed at a public hearing.

President O'Connor asked her fellow commissioners to review Mr. Arnold's report so that they would be prepared for the special meeting.

Steven Eiger, spoke in support of the Sharon Arts Program, and asked the Commission to consider the fact that this program benefits children and seniors and that there were many ways to run it more efficiently.

Mr. Arnold suggested that the Commission urge the Board of Supervisors to adopt the Mayor's revenue package because the Department will face a deeper budget cut if it is not approved.

On motion of Commissioner Orr, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the Commission scheduled a special meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission to be held on 8/22/90 at the Sixth and Folsom Playground to discuss budget reductions for the Recreation and Park Department.

The Commission also agreed to forward a letter in support of the Mayor's revenue package to the Board of Supervisors.

14. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS

On motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by commissioner Orr, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15802

RESOLVED, That this Commission accepts the following gifts valued at $9,775.00, for the Recreation and Park Department:

a. From the University of California, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $1,500.00, for the Reforestation Program.

b. From the Marin Airporter, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $1,440.00, for the Camp Mather Senior Fund.

c. From the Paddington Corporation, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $1,335.00, for parks and squares maintenance.

d. From the San Francisco Foundation, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $2,500.00, for Tenderloin Recreation Center.

e. From the San Francisco Foundation, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $3,000.00, for Boeddeker Park summer concerts.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate letters of thanks will be sent to the donors.

15. PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission. Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President or the Commission may limit the total testimony to 30 minutes.

Keith McHenry, representing Food Not Bombs, reported that on last Monday his organization served 200 people at Haight and Stanyan and that they ran out of food. He stated that because of police harassment they could not prepare food on site as they normally have in the past. He was grateful that he no longer had a permit and hoped he never got another permit. He asked the Commission to delete the provision which required a permit to give away free food. Since there was such a need for this service he planned to continue. He encouraged the City to stop harassing free food distribution programs during this budget crisis. He stated that his free food program has not changed except that he has more exposure to the public because he moved his food service program to Haight and Stanyan.

Alex Vitale, stated that the City, State and Federal governments are engaged in drastic budget cuts for social service programs. He stated that the City is not fulfilling its obligation to house the homeless. All of the City's soup kitchens are at capacity. Food Not Bombs provides a necessary service for people and he planned to continue. He did not want to have a permit.

Peter Donahue, explained that Food Not Bombs received an injunction notice for distributing free food. He was saddened by this action and had hoped that the City could have resolved the problems. He was upset that the Commission's permit policy was changed when Food Not Bombs was not present. He had asked why they were not informed of the Commission meeting.

President O'Connor enumerated the testimony received at the Commission meeting.

James Robinson, spoke in support of Food Not Bombs and stated that they provide a service for people who cannot always get to food kitchens. He felt that some sort of compromise should be made instead of deleting the free food distribution regulations.

Aaron Lamperti, has been working with Food Not Bombs for over a year and felt it was clear that there is a need for this service. He stated that people are forced to live in the parks and to claim that they have no need to eat is inconsistent. Food Not Bombs provides a service not offered by the City. He felt the program should be placed under permit with the requisite health inspections but to remove the permit criminalized their activity.

Jim Rhoads, the president of the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council, was disturbed about the lack of public process. He stated that hundreds of people attended the Commission hearing a year ago expressing their support of Food Not Bombs and its program. He attended the Committee meeting and there was little negative comment. He stated that the HANC membership is justifiably upset and felt the Commission should re-examine the whole process.

15. PUBLIC COMMENT (continued)

Greg Gaar, was very concerned about the elimination of the permit process for free food distribution in Golden Gate Park. He felt that Food Not Bombs has been doing an exemplary job in feeding the hungry at Page and Stanyan. He stated that the will of the people had been served by the Commission granting the permit and now Food Not Bombs has been stabbed in the back. He urged that the parties communicate on this matter because there is a need to feed the homeless.

D. Chevoler, with the Grey Panthers and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, stated that earlier references were made to budgetary issues facing the Department. She explained that one of the major points raised by Food Not Bombs is that taxes are being squandered and spent on weapon deployment to other countries. These taxes could be used for the community. She felt that Food Not Bombs exercises its First Amendment rights and provides a food service which is quite necessary.

John McDowell, representing the Coalition on Homelessness thought it was poor policy to revoke the permit for free food distribution. The Commission's action makes it impossible for Food Not Bombs or any other organization to serve food in the park. He stated there is a need to feed people.

A Vietnam veteran, explained that he uses the Food Not Bombs service. He is a welfare recipient, on a modified housing program, and the bulk of his check pays rent. Without the Food Not Bombs service he goes hungry.

16. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President O'Connor spoke about the Zoo and her opposition to the proposed establishment of a Zoo Oversight Committee. She stated that the Zoo Director deserves an opportunity to show his capabilities. She asked her fellow commissioners to lobby the Board of Supervisors to oppose this oversight committee.

Commissioner McAteer reported that the Golden Gate Park Committee toured the panhandle section of Golden Gate Park at its last meeting.

17. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following Committee reports were submitted to the Commission:

Joint Zoo Committee Meeting of July 11, 1990
Parks and Planning Committee Meeting of August 2, 1990
Finance and Administration Committee Meeting of August 2, 1990
Golden Gate Park Committee Meeting of August 6, 1990

18. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the 650th Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

Note: These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Recreation and Park Commission on matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological order in which the matters were taken up.

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RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 1990 - 6:00 P.M.
SIXTH AND FOLSOM PLAYGROUND

The Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Wednesday, August 22, 1990, at 6:10 p.m. by Vice President Keith Eickman.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:
Commissioner Keith Eickman, Vice President
Commissioner Richard J. Guggenhime
Commissioner Frances McAteer
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz
Absent:
Commissioner Connie O'Connor, President
Commissioner Trent Orr

2. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT 1990-91 BUDGET REDUCTIONS

Consideration and possible action to reduce the 1990-91 Recreation and Park Department budget and/or enhance non General Fund revenues necessitated by State revenue shortfalls, as follows:

EXPENDITURE REDUCTIONS

A. Deletion of Custodian position at Civic Center
B. Deletion of Sharon Arts Program
C. Reduction in Swimming Pool Hours
D. Elimination of all increases in the 1990-91 base budget allocations
E. Reduce capital improvement project for Candlestick Park and increase transfer from Stadium Fund to General Fund by $500,000
F. Cancel recruitment for Stadium Director position

2. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
1990-91 BUDGET REDUCTIONS (Continued)

Consideration and possible action to reduce the 1990-91 Recreation and Park Department budget and/or enhance non General Fund revenues necessitated by State revenue shortfalls, as follows:

REVENUE ENHANCEMENTS

G. Swimming Pool Fee Increase
H. Sharon Arts Studio Fee increase
I. Rental of Sharon Building
J. Rescind fee waiver for use of pools by City College
K. Charge fees to clubs which hold keys to special facilities. These facilities include Anglers Lodge, the Model Yacht Club, the Lawn Bowlers Clubhouse and the Rod and Gun Club located at Lake Merced.
L. Restore Zoo fee for children ages 5 - 12
M. Restrict fee waivers

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Vice President Eickman explained that this special meeting was scheduled because of the passage of the State budget. The City will receive $30 million less than it anticipated from the State for health and welfare programs. The Mayor does not feel that these cuts should be be entirely absorbed by the Health Department and has asked each department to cut a portion of its General Fund support. Staff has prepared a report and recommendation for presentation to the Commission. Because of the absence of Mary E. Burns, General Manager because she had broken her leg, Mr. Arnold gave the budget presentation.

Phil Arnold, Acting General Manager, explained that the passage of the 1990-91 State budget has left San Francisco facing a revenue shortfall estimated to be $30 million. Since the City's 1990-91 budget was balanced on the anticipation of revenues which now will not be received, additional budget reductions are necessary.

Approximately $21 million of the State budget cuts directly affect the Health Department. The Health Commission is considering recommendations which would result in the elimination of 23 mental health clinics, the elimination of the adult day health program at Laguna Honda Hospital and the elimination of all services to pregnant women at San Francisco General Hospital. The Mayor has asked each department to bear part of the burden of these cuts by reducing its budget under the following guidelines:

°The proposed reductions should total at least 2% of the General Fund allocation. For the Recreation and Park Department, such a reduction would amount to approximately $545,000.

°If the proposed reductions would involve layoffs, such layoffs should not take effect until October 1, 1990.

°Proposed reductions should be sustainable. Restoration of any proposed reductions should not be requested in subsequent fiscal years.

°Additional non-General Fund revenues can be considered as offsets to budget reductions.

2. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
1990-91 BUDGET REDUCTIONS (Continued)

Staff reviewed a list of budget options and proposed the following reductions for submission to the Mayor:

1. Delete one custodial position assigned to the Civic Center area to assist with the cleanup of that location during the homeless encampment. This deletion would be effective on October 1 and would produce a savings of $21,400 in salaries and fringe benefits.

2. Reduce the capital improvement project for Candlestick Park and increase the transfer from the Stadium Fund to the General Fund by $500,000. In 1989-90, the Stadium Fund transfer to the General Fund was reduced by $500,000 so as to provide one-time funding to complete the luxury suites. By increasing the Stadium Fund transfer in 1990-91 by $500,000 the General Fund would be repaid for the advance in the previous year. With this reduction, priority will be given to renovation of the Phase I suites, repairs to the escalators, structural repairs and upgrades for emergency utility systems.

3. Increase swimming pool adult fees by approximately 10% effective January 1, 1991. It is estimated that such an increase would provide approximately $15,000 in additional revenues during the 1990-91 fiscal year. The specific increases would need to be prepared by staff and brought to the Commission for approval as a separate action.

4. Increase Sharon Arts Studio revenues by approximately 30%. Such increases could come from a combination of increases in class size, fee increases, materials fee increases, open studio fee increases and rentals. It is anticipated that such increases would provide an additional $10,000 in the 1990-91 fiscal year. The specific fee increases would need to be prepared by staff and brought to the Commission for approval as a separate action.

This recommended package is consistent with the priorities previously established for the Recreation and Park Department budget by the Commission (programs for children and youth, Golden Gate Park maintenance, San Francisco Zoo). The package is also consistent with the recommendations adopted by the Board of Supervisors in their budget hearings when they established reserves to restore the Sharon Arts Program and swimming pool hours but urged the Commission to consider fee increases for these two programs.

The Mayor's staff has given preliminary approval for this package provided that an equivalent reduction or revenue increase is identified in the 1991-92 budget for the Recreation and Park Department. This requirement means that an additional reduction and/or revenue increase in the amount of $500,000 will need to be identified in the 1991-92 budget to sustain the $500,000 reduction from the Candlestick Park renovation project which is being recommended by staff for the 1990-91 budget. Staff is now developing revenue proposals for future consideration by the Commission. Such proposals include the following:

2. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
1990-91 BUDGET REDUCTIONS (Continued)

1. Rescind the fee waiver for use of pools by City College.

2. Charge fees to clubs which hold keys to special facilities. These facilities include Anglers Lodge, the Model Yacht Club, the Lawn Bowlers Clubhouse and the Rod and Gun Club located at Lake Merced.

3. Eliminate fee waivers and only accept in-kind services which would otherwise be purchased by the Department.

Specific proposals will be presented to the Commission at a later date.

Mr. Arnold recommended a series of public hearings to be held over the next several months to consider budget and program priorities for the 1991-92 fiscal year.

Commissioner Guggenhime asked if the Department could request more than $500,000 from the transfer from the Stadium Fund to the General Fund.

Mr. Arnold explained that he was unaware of any mechanism by which the Department could ask for a dollar amount above $500,000.

In response to Commissioner Guggenhime's question, Mr. Arnold explained that staff planned to investigate increasing class sizes of the Sharon Arts Studio, increasing the materials and supplies fees and increasing open studio fees as options to achieve an overall increase of 30% for the Sharon Arts Program.

Public Testimony

Tony Marshall, representing San Francisco Model Yacht Club, relinquished speaking since there was not a specific proposal regarding the San Francisco Model Yacht Club under discussion at this special meeting.

Dick Bulloch, representing the Pacific Rod & Gun Club, stated that he has been actively trying to pursue lease negotiations with the Department. His club was willing to agree to a fee increase if lease negotiations proceed. He noted that there is a conflict with the Lake Merced Master Plan which has stalled negotiations. If lease negotiations proceed his Club could increase revenues for the Department.

Jean Taggart Born, representing the Aquatics Advisory Board, understood the budgetary issues facing the City. She suggested that the Aquatics Advisory Board be given more of a voice in Department program planning and its implementation. She suggested that a representative from the advisory boards form a coalition to work with staff. She felt it was important for the advisory committees and the Department to work together so that each side has a better understanding of the pressing needs facing the City and to be able to promote programs/services.

2. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
1990-91 BUDGET REDUCTIONS (Continued)

Public Testimony (Continued)

Lee Moulton, a swimmer and resident of Potrero Hill who uses Garfield Pool, spoke on behalf of the competitive swimmers. He explained that it is very important to have continuity in these programs and the proposed closure of the pools would eliminate 25% of the workout time. He urged the Commission to consider this point.

Thomas Gerughty, representing the Sharon Arts Studio Program came to the meeting prepared to discuss possible closures of the Sharon Arts Studio. Instead, he thanked the Department and the Commission for not deleting the program.

Bob Vienot, representing San Francisco Model Yacht Club, asked to be notified of any meeting when the issue of user fees are discussed for his club.

Jane Willson, discussed the importance of a swimming program. She noted that more than 2000 signatures were collected in support of the City's swim program. She was present to emphasize her deep concern to retain the swimming program at its present level and to not eliminate pool hours.

Al Diniz, representing the San Francisco Lawn Bowling Club, explained that their club is a mixed club of 108 members, 7 who are employed, the balance who are retired and/or on a fixed income. 70 are active members and 38 are inactive members. He urged the Commission to give them an opportunity to meet with staff to develop a fee that they can afford. If a rental fee was charged it would force the club to raise dues and most of the inactive members would resign. Thus, it was critical that the club meet with staff to discuss a rental charge so that the Club, which has been in existence since 1901, could continue.

Floyd A. Demanes, representing the Golden Gate Anglers, explained that his organization did not receive notice of the meeting and was not prepared to make a formal presentation. Since a fee for his organization was not being discussed this evening, he would forego speaking.

Dottie Low, spoke on behalf of the Arts and Crafts Advisory Committee regarding the Sharon Arts Studio Program. Ms. Low explained that the advisory committee wanted to work with the Department to ensure the continuation of this program and to explore possible revenues sources, capitalizing on the Sharon Arts Program rather than compromising it. She noted that arts studio recently met with staff to discuss revenue generating ideas and looked forward to continuing this process.

Ann Rodnick, representing the Sharon Arts Studio Program, explained that she moved to San Francisco two years ago and was present to say that the Sharon Arts Program allows her to meet a variety of people. She stated that the very mentality which places important health and welfare programs on the cutting board could also take away recreational programs in our City. She reiterated the importance of the Sharon Arts Program.

Jay Buchamkin, representing the swimmers, explained that he spent a lot of time this year representing the City's swimmers in their efforts to keep the pools open. Most of the people he has spoken to supported the fee increase. He stressed the importance of keeping pools open 7 days a week.

2. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
1990-91 BUDGET REDUCTIONS (Continued)

Public Testimony (Continued)

Johnny Bouck, representing the San Francisco Tsunami Masters Swim Club, affirmed the previous swimmers' thoughts.

James Polk, discussed swimming pool hours and voiced his support to keep the pools open all the time. He stated that nobody will complain about a fee increase but that swimmers wanted the pools to remain open.

Sophie Papageorge, asked for clarification on some budgetary proposals for the Zoo, including the fee proposal for children, elimination of the Industrial Hygienist and half-time veterinarian positions. She opposed elimination of the hygienist position particularly with the zoonotic diseases facing the Zoo and voiced her personal dislike for the full time veterinarian.

Mr. Arnold explained that a number of budgetary items have been identified for next year's budget including items that may affect the San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

Marcia Perry, representing the Sharon Arts Studio Program, moved here from New York 20 years ago and stated that this program meets the aesthetic, social, cultural and often psychological needs of many people both young and old. She stated that the fact that many people find the program so important should be reason enough to continue it. She stated that the Sharon Arts Program serves a cross section of the City and and that it should not be cut from the budget.

Linda Squires Grohe, representing City College of San Francisco, was concerned about the possible option to close the pools and the recision of fee waiver for City College to use Balboa Pool. Balboa Pool, the pool used by City College, offers 17 classes, 5 days a week, 2 nights and has 7 full-time teachers. Any change in the aquatic program would drastically affect their programs which must be considered. She also pointed out that City College is also underdoing budget cuts. She explained that City College staff is working with the Department to provide training for Recreation and Park personnel. She stressed that cuts in pool hours and/or the waiver issue will severely impact City College's programs.

Nelson Ishiyama, representing the Golden Gate Angling and Casting Club, explained that the fee increase for his club was not proposed this evening. He requested that, in the future, he be given notice of future meetings on this topic. He asked a question regarding the staff report which estimated that $25,000 could be generated through rental of 4 Department facilities. He asked if the $25,000 figure pertained to each facility or to all of them.

Mr. Arnold explained that the $25,000 figure pertained to rental of all 4 Department facilities.

2. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
1990-91 BUDGET REDUCTIONS (Continued)

Public Testimony (Continued)

Donna Figone, representing the Sharon Arts Studio Program, enumerated the number of ideas proposed by the advisory committee to increase revenues:

- 1 and 2 day workshops by prominent artists
- Marathon drawing day sponsored by the studio and the models' guild
- Family Day Art Events (a day-long, hands-on affair where parents and children create a variety of introductory art projects that highlight the Sharon Art classes, including an opportunity to tour a working arts studio.
- Group rentals focusing on art training program
  - girl/boy scouts would pay to have their members experience an art-in-the- park class to fulfill their badge requirements
  - intensive training sessions for public school teachers. Currently, Sharon Arts Program is authorized by the San Francisco Unified School District to provide accreditation for their teachers.
  - rental of the carrousel room to groups looking for monthly meeting space
- Other suggestions include offering additional classes in art media currently not taught at the Sharon Arts Studio; pursuing public and corporate grants for special projects such as art reach programs serving the AIDS community and other special needs groups, and funding from the City's Hotel Tax which supports the City's cultural programs.

Martha Roditti, representing the Sharon Arts Studio Program stated that the proposal previously discussed should be considered. She further noted that the Sharon Arts Studio is a small public facility which can only accommodate 80 to 100. She commented that she felt it was unsafe to park a distance from the Sharon building. She suggested that the Department look at other facilities for rental and sited the Beach Chalet. She reminded the Commission that the Sharon Building was restored in 1981, aided by a Federal grant with the intent that the Sharon Arts Studio would be relocated from the Randall Museum to this site. She asked for a disclosure of facilities under jurisdiction of Recreation and Park.

Vice President Eickman explained that the Beach Chalet is in need of over $1 million worth of repairs before it could be reopened.

Miriam L. Hock, representing City College Associated Students, explained that a recision of the City College fee waiver would harm the student body who are enrolled at classes offered at Balboa Pool. She wanted to work with staff to find a resolution to the fee waiver issue because the swimming program is very important.

John Sheridan, spoke about the swimming program. He suggested that an annual or quarterly membership card be issued to build up a support group for the aquatics program and for each pool. The annual fee could generate money for the aquatics program and build a stronger constituency for the Department.

2. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
1990-91 BUDGET REDUCTIONS (Continued)

Mr. Arnold apologized for the short notice of the special Commission meeting but noted that the Commission decided on 8/16/90 to schedule this hearing and notices were posted and mailed as soon as possible. He further outlined the options before the Commission regarding public hearings on the budget: to hold separate meetings, discuss it at committee level, or set aside a special time at the monthly Commission meetings to consider a specific staff proposal on the budget.

Commissioner Ruiz asked staff to cooperate with the representatives from the advisory groups and to discuss their proposals when developing the Department's revenue package.

Commissioner Guggenhime stated that with the passage of Proposition 13 many years ago the City does not have any additional funds to support these types of programs. He urged all user groups to develop long term alternatives.

Commissioner McAteer stated that it has come to the point that user groups must make their own way and pay. She advised the attendees to be creative and to develop fundraising programs.

Mr. Arnold reminded those present that this budget proposal is premised on the Board of Supervisors' approval of the Mayor's Revenue Package. If this $10 million revenue package is not approved then another budgetary meeting may have to be scheduled.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner McAteer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15803

RESOLVED, That this Commission forwards to the Mayor recommendations to reduce the 1990-91 Recreation and Park Department budget in the amount of $546,400, in order to meet the City revenue shortfall as follows:

- Delete one custodial position assigned to the Civic Center area
- Reduce the capital improvement project for Candlestick Park and increase the transfer from the Stadium Fund to the General Fund by $500,000.
- Increase swimming pool adult fees by approximately 10% effective January 1, 1991.
- Increase Sharon Arts Studio revenues by approximately 30%

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission. Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President or the Commission may limit the total testimony to 30 minutes.

Note: No public comment was received

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Special Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

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651ST REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1990 - 2:00 P.M.

The Six Hundred and Fifty-First Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, September 20, 1990, at 2:00 p.m. by President Connie O'Connor.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:
Commissioner Connie O'Connor, President
Commissioner Keith Eickman, Vice President
Commissioner Richard J. Guggenhime
Commissioner Frances McAteer
Commissioner Trent Orr
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner McAteer, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 16, 1990, were approved as presented.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Guggenhime, the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 22, 1990, were approved as presented.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Mary E. Burns submitted the following report:

"OCEANVIEW PLAYGROUND SHOOTING ON SEPTEMBER 13, 1990

On Thursday, September 13th a very unfortunate incident occurred at Ocean View Playground. At approximately 3:15 p.m. three youths were shot in what police described as a drive-by shooting. One youth later died of his wounds and two remain hospitalized. Staff should be commended for their efforts in securing the facility and protecting the children of the Latch Key Program from possible injury. Recreation Directors James Threat, Mitchell Francis, Thatcher Baker, Renata Richardson, and Herb Louie did an outstanding job of protecting the children and seeing that they all were safe. Additionally, counselors from the Department of Public Health were provided to meet with each child in an attempt to help them work through any fears they may have due to this incident. At the present time operations are back to normal and most of the participants have returned to all programs. The police have cooperated by increasing patrols in the area and more site visits are planned by uniformed officers.

BUDGET UPDATE

The Mayor has submitted a package of new revenues and expenditure reductions to the Board of Supervisors to offset the reduction in State revenues which will be received by the City and County. Included in this package is the elimination of one custodian position as recommended by the Commission. Also included is a 50% reduction in the funds that the Library provides this department for landscape maintenance services at all libraries which have landscaped areas. (Services are currently provided at 22 separate sites.) This reduction, which was recommended by the Library Commission, will require the elimination of a gardener position and will directly affect the appearance of the Main Library and branch libraries throughout the City. Our staff is working with the Library to establish priorities for the required service reductions. The reduction from the Candlestick Park renovation project which the Commission recommended is not included in the Mayor's budget package. Hearings on the Mayor's budget recommendations are scheduled before the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors on September 26.

WATER CONSERVATION REPORT

I am pleased to report that once again our water consumption is down. While still not in 100% compliance, the Department continues to make great strides. As an example, only two meters in Golden Gate Park were out of compliance during the month of August. There are still some facilities that are not falling within the allotment guidelines, and while some can be corrected, others will be more difficult to bring into compliance. The Palace of Fine Arts is one of those difficult sites due to the archaic procedures used in flushing the lagoon to maintain an acceptable level of water quality. The Department is working with Kim Kenna of the Water Department to bring all of the units into compliance and to try and come up with long-term solutions for the more difficult sites. Water usage at the Zoo has been reduced by one-third and now that new plumbing fixtures are being installed an even higher reduction should be realized. All in all the monthly report shows that during August the Department was under its allotment by 6,800,000 gallons.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

CAMP MATHER END-OF-SEASON REPORT

Revenues from reservations for the 1990 Camp Mather season was $709,138 which is $2,380 below last year's amount. Most of this decrease in revenue is attributed to refunds given as a result of the fire in Yosemite during the last two weeks of the Camp season. Occupancy continued to remain high with 97% of the cabins filled during the season.

OPEN SPACE SCHEDULE

The 1991-92 Park and Open Space Advisory Committee has finalized its schedule of meeting dates for the 1990-91 calendar year. A copy of this schedule is in your packet. Please note that on Saturday, October 13th a site tour will be conducted beginning at 9:00 a.m. (Sites to be determined.) I would encourage as many of you as possible to join us for the tour. It will be very helpful when you deliberate next year's Open Space budget.

ZOO OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

On Tuesday, September 18, the City Services Committee of the Board of Supervisors met to consider establishing a Citizen's Zoo Oversight Committee. Supervisor Alioto voted against, Nelder voted for, and Hongisto was not present. This item has been sent to the full Board for consideration on Monday, September 24. At this time we are trying to have the item continued until the October 1st Board meeting because David Anderson will be attending the annual American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums (AAZPA) Conference in Indianapolis.

INGLESIDE POLICE STATION RENOVATION

A bond issue approved by the voters in 1986 provided funds to renovate various district police stations. Ingleside Station, located in Balboa Park, is one of those stations being renovated. Historically, the Recreation and Park Department and the Police Department have had joint use of this facility. Space used by the Recreation and Park Department included two team locker rooms, public rest rooms, meeting rooms, a recreation director's office and a storage area for the gardeners. This joint use arrangement has existed for at least thirty years with maintenance being provided by the Recreation and Park Department. New design for the Ingleside Police Station eliminates all uses by the Recreation and Park Department except a small storage area for the gardeners. The eliminated team locker rooms were the only locker rooms in the entire Balboa Complex (which includes four baseball diamonds and a soccer stadium). The only other public rest rooms are within the fenced enclosure of the children's playground at Balboa Park.

The renovations to the Ingleside Police Station have already commenced and the Recreation and Park Department no longer has any access to that facility. Planning of this renovation has been going on for over two years, but the Department only received a month's notice regarding the project and this information was given to an on-site gardener. Recreation and Park Department staff are meeting with staff from the Police Department, the Real Estate Department, Department of Public Works and the City Attorney's Office to determine what alternatives are available to the Recreation and Park Department. I will keep you informed as this matter develops further.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

SUMMER PROGRAM REPORT

The Recreation Division has just completed one of its most successful summers. Activities were provided for all ages from Tiny Tots to Senior Citizens.

° Latch Key Program - A new site was added to the Latch Key Program at Sunnyside Playground which brought the total number of sites to 17. Over 400 children per day were served through this program and it remains one of the most valuable services available to parents throughout the City.

° Teen Program - The Workreation Program successfully employed 200 youths at various Recreation and Park Department facilities. Teen Coordinator, Lorraine Lampkin, did an excellent job of introducing new elements to the program, such as career training and self-esteem building. The teen newspaper, San Francisco Teen, has now published two editions, which you have received, and the next publication will be available at the end of September. A teen fashion show was one of the highlights of the San Francisco County Fair.

° Day Camps - Again, these camps were a favorite of many youngsters for summer fun. The Sport Camp sold out all sessions, and Pine Lake, Silver Tree, Photo and Sound, and Pacific Art Camp had a combined attendance of 2,508.

The Recreation Division is now preparing a report and evaluation of all summer programs which will be available for your review.

RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT MONTHLY CLAIMS SETTLEMENT REPORT

The following are claims under $5,000 settled by the City Attorney's Office for the month of August, 1990 (last names only):

Claimant	Amount
Farrell	$1,067.00
Carmazzi	40.00
Bacon	500.00
Mills	259.34
Zolezzi	611.29
Derman	260.00
Connolly	931.21
Nomellin	15.66
Wiss	262.12

RETIREMENTS

Laurence Zolezzi	3417 Gardener	24 years

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, September 26, 1990	Recreation Program and Mather Committee, 3:30 p.m., Sharon Arts Building
Monday, October 1, 1990	Golden Gate Park Committee 3:00 p.m. Tour, 4:00 p.m. Meeting, McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, October 3, 1990	Joint Zoo Committee 4:30 p.m., Tour, 5:00 p.m. Meeting, San Francisco Zoo
Thursday, October 4, 1990	Parks and Planning Committee 9:00 a.m., McLaren Lodge
Thursday, October 4, 1990	Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee, 4:00 p.m. McLaren Lodge
Monday, October 8, 1990	Columbus Day Holiday
Thursday, October 11, 1990	Columbus Day Luncheon, 12 noon Sigmund Stern Grove Club House"

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

Commissioner Orr noted a clerical error in the security deposit for Item 4g (Harding/Lincoln Golf Course). He also asked how the permit fee was negotiated for Item 4c (Bridge to Bridge Run).

Assistant General Manager for Finance and Property, Ernie Prindle, explained that since the entire event is not held on Recreation and Park Department property the fee for the Bridge to Bridge run was split.

On motion of Commissioner McAteer, seconded by Commissioner Eickman, ratification of the following resolutions, which are processed under Resolution No. 13572:

a. Personnel Matters — RES. NO. 15804

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period August 2, 1990 through September 3, 1990.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

b. GOLDEN GATE PARK — RES. NO. 15805
REGGAE FESTIVAL
PERMIT FEE

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a permit fee for the Reggae Festival, in Golden Gate Park on October 6 & 7, 1990.

c. MARINA GREEN — RES. NO. 15806
BRIDGE TO BRIDGE RUN
PERMIT FEE

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a permit fee for Bridge to Bridge Run, at Marina Green on September 30, 1990.

d. CIVIC CENTER — RES. NO. 15807
FUN IN DAY OF SUN
PERMIT FEE

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies a permit fee for Fun in Dey Sun, at Civic Center Plaza on September 8, 1990.

e. TEMPORARY USE PERMIT — RES. NO. 15808
SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS
GHILOTTI BROTHERS

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a Temporary Use Permit for Ghilotti Brothers for construction storage at a site on San Francisco Zoological Gardens property.

f. CANDLESTICK PARK — RES. NO. 15809
MICKEY THOMPSON ENTERTAINMENT GROUP
USAGE AGREEMENT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an agreement with Mickey Thompson Entertainment Group for the use of Candlestick Park for an off-road vehicle event on November 3, 1990.

g. HARDING/LINCOLN GOLF COURSES — RES. NO. 15810
TEMPORARY USE PERMIT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a Temporary Use Permit for operation of a photography concession at Harding and Lincoln Golf Courses.

h. GOLDEN GATE PARK — RES. NO. 15811
SATURDAY ROAD CLOSURES

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an extension of Saturday closure of Middle Drive West between Transverse Drive and the Polo Fields from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. during daylight savings time.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

i. KEZAR STADIUM — RES. NO. 15812
GOLDEN GATE PARK
INCREASE IN CONTRACT CONTINGENCY

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves increasing the contract contingency to Amoroso/Verrett Construction, in the amount of $350,000, for improvements at Kezar Stadium and increasing $30,000 to Project Management from "unassigned" to cover additional design services.

j. JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA — RES. NO. 15813
MULTIPLE DAY EVENT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request from Chabad to set up a Sukkah (temporary dwelling) in Justin Herman Plaza from Sunday, October 7, 1990 through Tuesday, October 9, 1990, during the Holiday of Sukkot.

k. SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT — RES. NO. 15814
LOAN OF ITEMS FOR EXHIBITION

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request for the loan of the following items for exhibit at the San Francisco International Airport from October, 1990 through March, 1991:

°Two (2) Captain Tyler horses in the custody of the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department

5. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

Zoo Director David Anderson, explained the animal transactions:

- The male Grant's Zebra was sold as it was surplus to the Zoo's needs
- The waterbucks were sold because the group has not been outbred for some time and to clean the blood lines
- The nyalas (african antelope) were purchased from three different agencies to give the Zoo different genetic lines and to initiate a good breeding program.
- There has been a long-term problem of overbreeding with the axis deer and the Zoo has more than the exhibit can handle. The deer are difficult to manage in this exhibit and Mr. Anderson felt it was wise to send the remainder of the herd to Safari West, an AAZPA accredited institution.
- The kangaroos were surplus to the Zoo's collection.

On motion of Commissioner McAteer, seconded by Commissioner Orr, the following resolution was adopted:

5. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS **RES. NO. 15815**
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transactions (which were processed under Resolution No. 13572) for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens:

Sold To: Catskill Game Farm
RD #1, Box 133
Catskill, NY 12421
USDA 21-CL

°One (1) Male Grant's Zebra, valued at $1,000
Payment to be made to the Animal Purchase Account

Sold To: Safari West
1335 Porter Creek Road
Santa Rosa, CA 95404
USDA 93-C-93

°Eight (8) blackbuck valued at $400 for the group
°Eleven (11) Ellipsis Waterbuck, valued at $1,600 for the group
°Forty (40) Axis Deer, valued at $4,000 the group
°One (1) Male Gray Kangaroo, valued at $500.00
°One (1) Male and One (1) Female Gray Kangaroo, valued at $2,000 the pair

Total purchase price of $8,500.00
Payment to be made to the Animal Purchase Account

Purchased From: Toledo Zoo
P. O. Box 4010
Toledo, Ohio 43609
USDA #91-C-7

°One (1) Female Nyala, valued at $3,500
Payment to be made from the Animal Purchase Account

To be received from: Northland Wildlife
2601 E. Highway 161
Grand Rapids, MN 55709
USDA #41-B-101

°One (1) female Nyala, valued at $4,000
Payment to be debited from the San Francisco Zoological Gardens' account with Northland Wildlife

To be shipped to: Northland Wildlife
2601 E. Highway 161
Grand Rapids, MN 55709
USDA #41-B-101

One (1) female slow loris, valued at $200
Payment shall be credited to San Francisco Zoological Gardens' account with Northland Wildlife

5. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS (Continued)** **RES. NO. 15815 (Continued)**

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transactions (which were processed under Resolution No. 13572) for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens:

Purchased From:

Denver Zoo
City Park,
Denver, Colorado 80205
USDA #84-C-2

°One (1) Male Nyala, valued at $500
Payment to be made from the Animal Purchase Account

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Deputy City Attorney Mara Rosales, explained that her office has received notice that if the Recreation and Park Commission approves the resolution banning sales activities on park properties (Item 6) that a suit will be filed against the City. Therefore, she asked the Commission to convene in closed session before considering Item 6.

2:40 to 2:50 p.m. the Commission convened in Executive Session

6. **SALES ACTIVITIES IN PARKS**

Approval of resolution adopting regulation for sales activities on park properties (Park Code Section 7.07).

General Manager Mary E. Burns, gave an historical perspective on the development of parks. The parks developed in the 1700s were formal in design and available for the very wealthy. As the Industrial Revolution started in the 1800s government and employers became concerned about an outlet for people to enjoy time and quiet space away from the stressful environment of the factory. Most of people's time had been spent out of doors until this era; the Industrial Revolution changed people's lifestyle to an enclosed environment. The traditional design of parks also began to change. In the United States this movement started in the 1800s with the development of Central Park in New York by John Olmstead who was the pioneer in changing the design and usage of parks, Daniel Burnham in Chicago who provided a respite for people and San Francisco's John McLaren who was part of the national movement to create large pleasure gardens that were respites from day-to-day life and stress. Parks began to depart from formal gardens as seen in Versailles to a much more natural design to meet the needs of the population.

Ms. Burns explained that this need has not gone away and urban parks have become more important with today's modern lifestyles. There is much more of an emphasis on leisure activities and the need to get away from everyday stress. The San Francisco population particularly appreciates their parks for what they were designed to be: places where people can get out of their houses, out of their businesses and enjoy a quiet moment, enjoy the beauty of a plant or a flower.

6. **SALES ACTIVITIES IN PARKS (Continued)**

Statement of General Manager Mary E. Burns (Continued)

Over the years, the Department has had a umber of proposals other than recreation and park usages for the City' parks and people are now much more knowledgeable about the importance of parks and certainly this Commission must be protective of parks, and the uses for which they are intended. In the past few years the City has been forced to deal with groups of people who use parks, without permission, for the sales of various kinds of merchandise. She explained that during her 5 year tenure as General Manager there is no other single issue on which she receives more complaints than charitable solicitors selling in the parks. People often assume that the Department has given permission for this activity and do not understand why this commercial activity cannot be removed from the park when it is not in keeping with the use of parks.

Assistant General Manager for Finance and Property, Ernie Prindle, explained that this item was considered and recommended for approval by the Parks and Planning Committee. He stated that on August 1, 1990, the Mayor signed into law an ordinance amending the current regulations regarding charitable solicitation and sales activities in San Francisco. This law provides that sales activities on property under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission would be subject to the Park Code and rules and regulations of the Recreation and Park Commission.

The basic thrust of the change to the Police Code as it affects the Department is to recognize that parks are a retreat from the stress of urban life and that the Commission should adopt specific regulations relating to sales activities. The Board of Supervisors specifically prohibited sales activities at Twin Peaks and portions of Fisherman's Wharf and is currently considering legislation prohibiting sales activities at Coit Tower. There was misinterpretation between the Department and the City Attorney as to the jurisdiction of Coit Tower and it is now being reviewed. The resolution before the Commission for approval states that the sale of non-food merchandise unassociated with a scheduled event is inconsistent with the purposes of San Francisco parks and their attendant facilities, and that no permit shall be granted for the outdoor sale of non-food merchandise, where that sales activity is unassociated with a scheduled event.

Park Property Manager, Robin Burgstahler, explained that she has been involved with charitable solicitor complaints, both in telephone inquiries and letters, since 1987. She stated that the public feels this activity is an intrusion on open space and misuse of their parks. The persons engaged in the sales activities represent themselves as selling on behalf of charitable organizations and virtually without exception sell sweat shirts and T-Shirts. As the public has observed, the sweat shirts and T-shirts sold by the charitables often bear no message at all or a message so small that it is inconspicuously placed.

The members of the public with whom she has spoken about these sales activities consistently express the fact that the Department has somehow betrayed its trust to the people by allowing the commercialization of the open space with which it has been entrusted. The public views this type of peddling as inconsistent with the purpose for which parks have been set aside; that is, to escape from the commercial atmosphere that is prevalent in modern urban life.

6. SALES ACTIVITIES IN PARKS (Continued)

Statement of Park Property Manager, Robin Burgstahler (Continued)

She drew to the Commission's attention the concept of the early designs of parks, the concept of pleasure grounds, which is very adequately supported in sentiment by members of the public she has dealt with on an on-going basis. These members of the public definitely want their parks kept clean of commerce. She read some quotations from some of the letters she had received which stated:

- "Tacky commercialism strikes me as a singularly inappropriate activity at one of our famous and pleasing sights. I feel sure that souvenir shopping is not one of the things that visitors come to the park for; it certainly isn't one of the things I come to the park for, and I object most strongly to see it happening there."

- "It seems to me the park is there for the enjoyment of the people and an escape from city experiences. There is enough consumerism in the City."

- "If this is allowed, soon the entire park will be nothing but another Pier 39 or Fisherman's Wharf. The park is not the place for this activity, do whatever you can to stop our park from becoming a market place for peddlers."

- "What is going on in our park? This is the beginning of the invasion of the vendors into almost the only public part of the City which remains sacrosanct."

- "An oasis of peace and freedom from money grabbing is essential therapy for our city. Please act to retain the historic beauty and serenity of Golden Gate Park."

Ms. Burgstahler has explained to the public that the Recreation and Park Commission's ongoing policy is to discourage commercial ventures in the park, to tuck them away in buildings, or to limit to them to short term events and that the existing section of the Park Code prohibits the kind of activities that charitable solicitors engage in. This has not satisfied the public's concerns and they want something further done. She has spoken to 50 members of the public on this issue and explained that the only regular sales activities conducted within Golden Gate Park or other parks are limited sales of food and beverages. These types of sales are considered a form of convenience and not interpreted as intrusive. In contrast, based on the numerous complaints she has received, the public views the conspicuous daily placement of the charitables' T-Shirt stands as an offensive commercial activity that adds nothing to the enjoyment or use of the park. It is the expressed expectation of those members of the the public with whom she has spoken that their parks should be kept free of such regular and conspicuous commerce. Everyone she has spoken to supports the adoption of the proposed regulation.

Public Testimony

Mary Dunn, expressed her concern about vendors in Golden Gate Park. She did not like this activity and felt it was inconsistent with the use of parks.

6. SALES ACTIVITIES IN PARKS (Continued)

Richard Merritt, representing the Volunteer Collectors, picks up litter in Golden Gate Park on a regular basis and has done so for the last 8 years. His organization is very interested in the welfare of the park and has noticed the commercialization of the park by these vendors. He stated that each week another vendor appears and his group was very opposed to this activity. He reiterated his point that his organization was against charitable solicitors and wanted them removed from the park.

Commissioner McAteer commented that the services rendered by the Volunteer Collectors is very noteworthy and that they deeply care about Golden Gate Park.

Ben Elkus, representing the Golden Gate Heights Neighborhood Association, read the following statement to the Commission: "We are, they say, a land of laws and not of men. In my opinion, this is not entirely true. We are humans and therefore, we are not entirely good nor entirely bad, nor are we completely intelligent nor are we completely stupid. We are humans and therefore we operate on degrees of this or that. There are those who are quite good and those who are not so good. There are those who are quite intelligent and those who are not so quite intelligent. Free speech is an example of the difficulty of obeying the law in absolute terms. I walk down the street with my wife and someone comes by and shouts things I do not want my wife to hear. Do I not have a right to freedom from speech? If not, why are there laws against disturbing the peace. Let us apply this to our beloved park. Our park was established to provide the populace a place of freedom from the stress of commercial life - trees, grass, shrubs, space to move, to see, to contemplate, to be free of pressure of commercialism. Surely we have a right to such a place. Surely there is a degree of law which would permit such a place. Those places in the park which change money for certain things all have to do with the primary functions of a park - freedom, quiet, peacefulness. When you pay for an hour in a boat on Stow Lake, you pay for leisure, for quiet, for peace. T-Shirts do not fit into this category. This is pure commercialism. Commercialism is not a bad thing but it does not belong in the park."

Christina Stenmeijer, representing Earth Now, explained her organization is comprised of environmentalists who fundraise in Golden Gate Park by the selling of sweat shirts and T-Shirts. They fundraise for reforestation programs in the United States and global relief. She stated that she felt the park is a very good place for propagating reforestation consciousness. Sweat shirts are a lucrative form of collecting funds and her organization places their stands in areas of the park which are commercial with much foot traffic.

Leslie Schemel, representing Friends of Recreation and Parks, stated that the City's parks and open spaces should not be taken for granted and that the trees, shrubs, flowers are put together as an essential part of urbanism. The parks provide breathing space, both actual in fresh air, and logical, to escape the commercialism and stresses of urban life. She urged the elimination of the continued commercialism of T-Shirts sales in our parks. Card tables filled with T-Shirts and boxes stuffed underneath them are a blight to the park system and an intrusion. She strongly recommended that the Commission adopt this policy and disallow the continued commercialism of the City's parks and open spaces.

6. SALES ACTIVITIES IN PARKS (Continued)

Public Testimony (Continued)

Juline Beier, explained that she has been mad about the charitable solicitor issue for a couple of years and that she was "...mad as H--- and not going to take it anymore." She drives through the park almost every day and walks through the park every other week and explained that she could not express how strongly she felt about this issue. She stated that the charitable solicitor stands are an offense to her senses and was offended that the City allows people to sell T-Shirts in front of the Conservatory of Flowers. She was concerned what visitors from other countries must think when they come to Golden Gate Park and see these T-Shirt vendors. She felt that there must be some sort of loophole in the law which allows this activity and was sure that this activity was not intended for the parks.

Jack Early, stated that the most absurd place where he has seen these peddlers is at Coit Tower. He explained that six T-Shirt vendors have been at Coit Tower all summer, and that the tables were stacked so high with T-Shirts that one could barely see the view. He urged the Commission to get the T-Shirt vendors out of this area as soon as possible. He stated that Coit Tower is a place for views and should be free from commercialism.

Fran Stritzinger, representing the Conservatory Auxiliary, expressed her opposition to licensing businesses in the City's parks. Her organization is aware of how much money, talent and hard work it takes to maintain an historic reserve, such as the Conservatory of Flowers greenhouse in Golden Gate Park. She explained that both the building and the setting is very special and that it must now be viewed through a screen of T-Shirt vendors which may discourage a group of visitors from seeing the treasures inside. She explained that these vendors also compete with the retail shop located inside the Conservatory of Flowers which also sells T-Shirts and gifts. This retail shop benefits the Conservatory of Flowers. She felt that most of the downtown merchants are now very sorry that they allowed sidewalk vendors and urged the Commission to fight the invasion of commercialism in Golden Gate Park.

John Barry, a real estate broker, expressed his repulsion of what he sees in Golden Gate Park. He stated that these so-called charities are charities that nobody has ever heard of and may be bogus. He gave an analogy that a prostitute comes closer to being a legitimate physical therapist than charitable solicitors come close to freedom of speech. The only conversation the T-Shirt vendors offer is the price of an item. Even if the charitable solicitors were collecting money for Project Open Hand or Mother Theresa the Commission must regulate where and when they can be in the park. He felt that pure commercialism should not be allowed in the park and that they should be assigned in a safe location. Mr. Barry used to be employed in the field of insuring municipalities and he felt the City will soon get sued if an injury accident occurs in an area of the park that is congested with foot and automobile traffic. T-Shirt vendors create congestion with people milling around looking at the goods and he felt that there will ultimately be an injury with the City, rather than the T-Shirt vendors, being sued. He was also curious to see how much money goes to the charitable organization from the sale of T-Shirts.

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6. **SALES ACTIVITIES IN PARKS (Continued)**

Commissioner McAteer expressed her strong sentiment that the parks should be peaceful and not bothered with any form of merchandising.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Orr, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15816

WHEREAS, Historically, those seeking to sell merchandise on public sidewalks and other public property, including park property, have been required to obtain the appropriate permit; and

WHEREAS, In recent years, the activities of charitable organizations, including sales activities on park property, have been regulated by Articl 9.6 of the San Francisco Police Code; and

WHEREAS, Federal courts have held that the City may not apply its Police Code permit provisions to the sale of merchandise that is protected by the First Amendment; and

WHEREAS, Since these rulings, the number of persons selling merchandise on public property, including park property, has increased dramatically; and

WHEREAS, Pending appeal of these federal court decisions, the Board of Supervisors has adopted Ordinance No. 289-90, which amends Police Code Article 9.6; and

WHEREAS, As part of that amendment, the Board of Supervisors has made clear that sales activities of nonprofit organizations in parks shall be governed by the San Francisco Park Code and rules and regulations of this Commission; and

WHEREAS, Section 7.07 of the San Francisco Park Code authorizes this Commission to issue permits to conduct activities on park property subject to certain enumerated conditions; and

WHEREAS, One of these conditions is that the activity be consistent with the purpose of park facilities and areas; and

WHEREAS, The public uses San Francisco parks and attendant facilities to escape from the tension, anxieties, and turmoil associated with life in an urban area, and to spend time enjoying the tranquility, solitude and beauty offered by park properties and facilities; and

WHEREAS, This quiet enjoyment of park properties and facilities enhance significantly the quality of life in the San Francisco area; and

WHEREAS, The Recreatic and Park Department has received numerous complaints that the outdoor sales of non-food items at numerous locations within Golden Gate Park, which are unassociated with other scheduled park events, detract substantially from the quiet enjoyment and beauty of the parks, and impair the public's ability to view the surrounding scenic area; and

6. SALES ACTIVITIES IN PARKS (Continued) RES. NO. 15816 (Continued)

WHEREAS, Copies of these complaints have been provided to the members of this Commission; and

WHEREAS, Individual members of this Commission have received complaints from the public regarding these outdoor sales activities in parks; and

WHEREAS, These complaints include citizens complaining that the hawking of merchandise and piles of shirts and other merchandise in parks desecrate the dignity and disturb the tranquility of our precious parks; and

WHEREAS, The limited sale of food, subject to certain conditions, and approval by the Recreation and Park Commission, promotes, facilitates, and is ancillary to, rather than detracts from, the recreational use and enjoyment of park facilities, and has not generated complaints from the public; and

WHEREAS, The sales of merchandise in connection with a scheduled event are limited to the location and duration of the scheduled event, and are controlled so as not to interfere with other uses of park property, and have not produced complaints from the public; and

WHEREAS, It is the very existence and manner of the outdoor sales of merchandise unassociated with any scheduled event, rather than any byproduct of that activity, that interfere with the beauty and enjoyment of the parks; and

WHEREAS, For this reason, any regulation short of a ban of this sales activity would not fully and adequately address the various esthetic problems created by this sales activity; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Commission finds that outdoor sale of non-food merchandise unassociated with scheduled events is inconsistent with the purposes of San Francisco parks and their attendant facilities, within the meaning of San Francisco Park Code Section 7.07(d); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That no permit shall be granted by this Commission or staff to any person or organization, whether for profit or nonprofit, for the outdoor sale of non-food merchandise, where that sales activities is unassociated with any scheduled activity; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That staff shall take all necessary steps to ensure that this rule is enforced fully, including notifying the San Francisco Police Department about this rule.

7. **CROCKER AMAZON PLAYGROUND**
SOCCER FIELD LIGHTING

Approval of revised soccer field lighting design at Crocker Amazon Playground.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that this item was reviewed by the Parks and Planning Committee. The lighting concept originally approved was a plan that would surround the soccer field with approximately 20 poles, 60' high to light the soccer field at 35 foot candles of illumination. When the Department of Public Works began to review the design they found that this concept would not provide even illumination on the field. The revised option provides 8 poles, 80' high, to be placed on the east and west side of the field, and that the level of illumination will be reduced to approximately 20 foot candles. This new lighting design will provide even illumination of the field, reducing dark spots and the possibility of a hazardous conditions. There will no standards on the north side of the field which would have been more visible by those who live in the Southern Hills section of San Francisco nor on the south side of the field, closer to the road.

President O'Connor asked at what hours the lights are turned on. Ms. Learner explained that the lights are on in the evening for scheduled events. The playground director operates the lights.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Guggenhime, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15817

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the revised soccer field lighting design at Crocker Amazon Playground.

8. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
MODEL YACHT CLUB - SPRECKELS LAKE

Approval of rules governing the use of model boats on Spreckels Lake.

Assistant Superintendent of Golden Gate Park, Jim Rogers, explained that a petition has been received by the community complaining about the level of noise from powered boats on Spreckels Lake. A set of rules were established many years ago by the Model Yacht Club but were never ratified by the Commission. Mr. Rogers proposed a revision of those rules which would control the noise level, the frequency of that noise, the speed of the boats and offer some quiet time for park users. Officer Arietta, of the San Francisco Police Department, who is in charge of Noise Abatement Code, conducted readings on some of the boats at Spreckels Lake.

President O'Connor asked what readings were registered when noise levels were tested at the Lake. Mr. Rogers explained that they registered as high as 80 decibels, well above what is considered acceptable.

Vice President Eickman asked Mr. Rogers to define a "nitro-powered" boat. Mr. Rogers explained that these boats have dual pipes at the rear of the boat, use high-octane gasoline, and generally run without mufflers.

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MODEL YACHT CLUB - SPRECKELS LAKE (Continued)

John Molinari, explained that he considered the readings questionable and stated that the complaints seem to come from 34th and Fulton which is quite a distance from the lake. He stated that restricting the boats to 55 decibels almost eliminates any fuel powered boats from the Lake. He explained that this is a hobby among a small group of people, who use the Lake 2-3 times a week and that if these regulations are imposed it will be remove another activity from retired people. He felt the revised rules were not reasonable. He explained that these boats are expensive and they spend a lot of time maintaining them. He runs his boat on the Lake for 45 minutes during a 3 hour period.

John Paul, representing the San Francisco Model Yacht Club, stated that he objected to the rule that stated "...Internal Combustion (I/C) powered model boats...may be operated on...Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday." He explained that Sunday is when his Club holds its regattas and he preferred that the rule prohibit these boats on Saturdays rather than Sundays.

Officer Arietta, representing the San Francisco Police Department, took sound levels at Spreckels Lake and felt that the maximum decibel level should be set at 60. The street level noise at 34th and Fulton is approximately 70 decibels with vehicular traffic. He felt the boats would blend in with the traffic noise in the park and that bringing the noise level down to 60 decibels would not interfere with park visitors and nearby residents.

Mr. Rogers explained that the Police Code suggests 55 decibels for R-2 Zones (a residential zone). He chose this level since the Spreckels Lake area is so close to a residential area and because sound carries much greater over water than over land or shrubbery. He further noted that if Officer Arietta was comfortable with 60 decibels he could modify the number.

Commissioner Orr noted that he and Commissioner McAteer witnessed the boats on the Lake and that there is a noise problem. He further explained that these rules will be reviewed in 6 months by the Commission.

On recommendation of the Golden Gate Park Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Orr, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15818

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the following rules governing the use of model boats on Spreckels Lake, Golden Gate Park:

RULES FOR OPERATING MODEL BOATS ON SPRECKELS LAKE

1. Internal Combustion (I/C) powered model boats including nitro powered boats may be operated on the lake from 10 AM to 1 PM three days a week, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday only. Sail boats shall have full use of the lake at all other times. Electric and steam powered boats shall have use of the lake every day in the area outlined on the attached map.

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MODEL YACHT CLUB - SPRECKELS LAKE (Continued) (Continued)

RULES FOR OPERATING MODEL BOATS ON SPRECKELS LAKE

2. I/C powered model boats must not be operated at speeds in excess of 15 MPH and must not exceed a decibel noise level of 60 at full throttle at 50 feet from the noise meter on shore. All nitro powered model boats must have mufflers.

3. All local and state laws must be observed in the interest of safety. Reckless and uncontrolled operations create unsafe conditions. Powered boats are to steer clear of all wildlife on the lake.

4. No more than two Nitro powered model boats and/or two gasoline powered I/C boats may be operated on the lake at any one time.

5. I/C powered boats shall be run in a clockwise direction generally and remain outside of all restricted areas, i. e. the far east and far west sections of the lake as well as the electric and steamboat operating areas.

6. Operators of radio controlled model boats shall check to see that their radio frequency channel is clear before turning on their transmitters. Required frequency flags must be properly displayed on their antennas whenever in use.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That these rules will be reviewed in six months by the Commission.

9. **CAMP MATHER**
RATIFICATION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL PROJECTS

Ratification of various capital projects completed t Camp Mather.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that approximately two years ago staff presented a long range capital improvement plan for Camp Mather. Mr. Arnold requested that the Commission ratify the capital projects which have been completed. The items which have been completed in the past few years, all of which were included in the long range development plan are:

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RATIFICATION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL PROJECTS (Continued)

a. Two (2) new 50,000 gallon domestic water supply tanks to increase and improve the water supply
b. One (1) new 50,000 gallon water supply tank for irrigation purposes and fire control.
c. Automatic irrigation system for the ballfield
d. New bathhouse for the swimming pool which was a requirement from the Health Department.
e. Two (2) new staff bathhouses built to replace the existing bathhouses which are old and dilapidated
f. New above ground gas and diesel tanks
g. New roof for the gas and diesel tanks for protection from storms and snow
h. New concrete pad for washing down equipment
i. New solar heater for the pool
j. Conversion of the old swimming pool into a sandbox and deck
k. Realignment of road that goes through the camp. Now there is a single T-junction rather than a Y-junction. This slows traffic and improves safety.
l. New floor in the dining hall (a requirement from the Health Department)
m. Two (2) new bunkhouses for staff. The existing staff housing is in very poor condition.
n. Upgrade of the exit and emergency lights and signs throughout the Camp.
o. Upgrade of the leech fields
p. Ongoing program to re-roof the cabins; now is 30% complete
q. Ongoing program to paint the cabins; now is 75% complete
r. New warehouse for the kitchen
s. New irrigation system for the lake lawn

Mr. Arnold then outlined a number of proposed projects for Camp Mather which will be calendared at a later date. These projects include:

°Teen Center
°Trailer camping area
°Tent camping area
°Golf course area
°New guest cabins
°New domestic water well
°New information center and store
°New camp museum
°New children's play area
°New outside dining area
°Tennis court resurfacing and lighting

On recommendation of the Recreation Program Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner McAteer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15819

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the capital projects completed at Camp Mather as enumerated above (Items a-s).

10. MARINA YACHT HARBOR
CANCELLATION OF BERTH

Appeal of the cancellation of Berth #628, Ronald Burton, at the Marina Yacht Harbor.

Harbor Master, Gary Davis, explained that Ronald Burton's berth agreement was cancelled because of a violation of Section 15 of the Rules and Regulations of the San Francisco Marina Small Craft Harbor. Mr. Davis gave a chronology of the events leading up to this action: On February 5, 1990, Mr. Joel Seton alerted the Harbor Master of an emergency with Mr. Burton's boat. Mr. Seton voluntarily informed Mr. Davis that he was renting Mr. Burton's boat as a live-aboard. Mr. Davis informed him that this was a violation of the rules and that he would have to make other living arrangements outside of the harbor. After reviewing Mr. Burton's file, Mr. Davis found a letter from the former Harbor Master addressing the same situation where Mr. Burton had violated Section 15. Therefore, he cancelled the contract. Mr. Davis recommended that the Commission uphold this cancellation, ask Mr. Burton to pay money owed the Department in the amount of $1,615.35 and to remove the boat from the Harbor.

William West, the attorney who represents Mr. Burton, explained this was the first time he heard that monies were owed to the Department. He did not deny that money was owed and stated that payment would be made when the matter was resolved. He stated his position that the cancellation of the berth of a tenant who had been in the harbor for over 17 years was based upon unsupported, uncollaborated heresay that Rule 15 was violated. He felt that the proper procedure would require something other than what has been done, for example an unlawful detainer. He stated that the City Attorney's Office indicated at the Committee meeting that there was a case that substantiated the position of the Harbor Master. Having read that case, his legal opinion was that the case was inapplicable to this situation. He stated that the slip in the Marina is real property subject to the unlawful detainer law which would give Mr. Burton the right to cure any alleged breech. He questioned whether there was a quorum of the Commission present to act on this matter since 3 of the Commission members acted at the Committee level.

Commissioner Guggenhime explained he felt that there was a violation of the Marina rules and regulations. He further stated that since he now had a copy of a letter from Joel Seton to Mr. Davis dated August 1, 1990, in which he indicated that he did rent the boat monthly, he was prepared to uphold the Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee's recommendation.

On recommendation of the Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Guggenhime, seconded by Commissioner Orr, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15820

RESOLVED, That this Commission upholds the cancellation of Berth #628, Ronald Burton, at the Marina Yacht Harbor.

11. **CITY CELEBRATION**
SUMMER FESTIVAL OF PERFORMING ARTS
FEE WAIVER REQUEST

Appeal of the denial of a fee waiver in the amount of $2,920.00 for the use of the Music Concourse area, Golden Gate Park in conjunction with Summer Festival of Performing Arts.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that this is a request from City Celebration to appeal the denial of a fee waiver. The group cites financial hardship due to earthquake damage to the Bandshell which forced them to purchase additional materials in order to stage their event. Staff was concerned about waiving the fee and had offered the organization the lowest possible fee for their concerts. He recognized the service provided by City Celebration but felt the fee waiver could not be approved considering the Department's financial situation. He recommended denial of the fee waiver.

On recommendation of the Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Guggenhime, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15821

RESOLVED, That this Commission upholds the denial of a fee waiver in the amount of $2,920.00 for the use of the Music Concourse area, Golden Gate Park in conjunction with Summer Festival of Performing Arts.

12. **PROJECT CONCERN INTERNATIONAL**
FEE WAIVER REQUEST

Appeal of the denial of a fee waiver in conjunction with the Project Concern International walk to be held on October 20, 1990.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained this is a request for a fee waiver. The event promoter has offered the Department to accept 20% of all pledges and a percentage of T-Shirt sales at their event in lieu of a $250.00 permit fee and $500.00 performance bond. Staff was concerned about granting this fee waiver as it would set a precedent and there is no guarantee that the options offered to the Department would satisfy the fee requirement.

On recommendation of the Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Guggenhime, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15822

RESOLVED, That this Commission upholds the the denial of a fee waiver in conjunction with the Project Concern International walk to be held on October 20, 1990.

13. CAMP MATHER
SUMMER OFF SEASON/STORE LEASE

Approval of bid scores for Camp Mather Summer Off Season/Store Lease and recommendation for lease award.

Assistant General Manager for Finance and Property, Ernie Prindle, explained that this item is ratification of the bid scores for the Camp Mather store operation, and the Memorial Day and Labor Day festivals. Bids were received from the West Coast Women's Music Festival (WCWMF) and the Strawberry Music, Inc. (SMI) The WCWMF bid only on the store lease and the Labor Day Festival; SMI bid on the store lease and both festivals. Mr. Prindle outlined the scoring which was based upon rent (50 points), experience and financial (25 points), plan of operation (15 points), and improvements proposed by the lessee (10 points). Mr. Prindle outlined the bid scores.

Mr. Prindle explained he was concerned that the WCWMF bid for the operation of the camp store may have been overbid since the minimum rent was very high but he noted that based upon the current gross receipts for the store it may be in line. He further explained that the SMI bid for the Labor Day event exceeded the number of participants authorized by the Commission.

Staff was further concerned because the WCWMF predicated its bid upon a single sex event which would not allow males over the age of 10. The City Attorney's Office has advised the Department that a single sex event is illegal under current laws. The Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee recommended approval of the Labor Day event conditioned on the fact that males be allowed. Furthermore, if the WCWMF signed the lease with this provision and did not allow men at the Labor Day event it would be considered a breach of lease and subject to termination. Mr. Prindle recommended that the Commission ratify the bid scores and authorize staff to negotiate the leases.

Vice President Eickman explained that he thought the Committee had reached an understanding that there would be no discrimination by the WCWMF. But he had now received documentation from the WCWMF raising this issue again. He stated that he could not vote to give the lease to the highest bidder because he did not have a complete understanding of what kind of Labor Day event would be held. He stated that it should be very clear that there will be no discrimination. He doubted that many men would attend the event but felt the proponents should understand that Department personnel must be on the premises during the event and cannot be restricted in any way. He recounted th t when the WCWMF used the camp years ago a problem arose because they stopped traffic going through camp. Traffic must go through camp because it is a public road.

Vice President Eickman further explained that he attended the last two festivals and vote gainst awarding the bid to the F at the Committee level because if emorial Day event is not held t epartment will lose $17,000. He felt e Department was not in the position to lose $17,000 since those monies are used to operate the camp. He preferred to find a way whereby the Department is able to generate the same amount of money. He further explained that the cost figures presented reflected that SMI would give the Department $319,000 over a five year period while the WCWMF would give only $270,000.

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SUMMER OFF SEASON/STORE LEASE (Continued)

Mr. Prindle reminded the Commission that there was much discussion when the Commission approved the bid package and divided the bid into separate components. Staff recommended that only one bid be allowed but at the direction of the Commission the bid was broken into five separate components: (1) camp store, (2) Memorial Day event (3) Labor Day event (4) potential event after Labor Day event and (5) potential other concession opportunities during the camp season itself. Staff did not receive any bids for the last two components. At the Committee level, Mr. Dewayne from SMI stated that if he was only awarded the Memorial Day event he would not take it because one event would not generate enough revenue. Mr. Prindle also explained that the Commission directed staff to reduce the number of participants for the festivals and since the SMI proposal was based on a higher number of participants than allowed their cost figures should be revised downward.

President O'Connor explained that the Commission unanimously approved the division of the bid package and authorized interested parties to bid accordingly. Now that the bids have been received and one group scored higher than the other the Commission cannot modify the rules just because the financial analysis may generate less revenue. She stressed it was unfair to have the Commission change the rules. She noted that one bid is not completely accurate and if SMI does not choose to hold a Memorial Day event another group may elect to do an event or SMI may change its mind.

Deputy City Attorney Mara Rosales, explained the question posed to her was whether a person or organization may have an event on public park property open to all members of the public except for a specific identified group, in this case men. In her opinion, based on the Charter and the Equal Protection clauses of the State and Federal Constitutions, there was no basis the exclusion of men from participating in the public event. She concluded it was discrimination and a violation of the Public Use Doctrine that is part of the City's parks. Parks are for the public's use and when a public event is held all members of the public must be allowed to participate. The additional basis is contained in Section 12C of the Administrative Code. This policy states that any time someone uses City property either in a use agreement, or a lease, for more than 29 days in a calendar year that the Department must include a non-discrimination clause. This clause states the tenant agrees that the event is open to the public and will not discriminate based on gender, race, national origin, sexual orientation, or age. In this particular case, the WCWMF will use the property less than 29 days each year even though the agreement is for 5 years. Technically, Section 12C of the Administrative Code is not applicable to this agreement but it was her opinion that when the Board of Supervisors placed the 29 day limitation it did not intend to say that it was permissible to discriminate if it is done for less than 29 days. The 29 day provision allows private parties and private organizations to hold gatherings among themselves. The Commission also has its own policy, Resolution 11189, similar to Section 12C of the Administrative Code. There are also Federal regulations that state a lease must contain a non-discrimination clause. In view of these facts, Ms. Rosales stated that discrimination was not allowed and that if the Commission approved a single sex event the City Attorney's Office would not approve the lease "as to form".

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Ms. Rosales further explained that an argument has been presented that this proposal is a form of affirmative action and that the law allows distinctions based on gender and race in certain circumstances. Ms. Rosales stated that she has litigated affirmative action law for some time for the City and County of San Francisco and that this is is not an easy test to meet. One must have facts justifying a conclusion related to one's function as a City department to make a distinction based on gender or race. If the Commission wanted to depart from its non-discrimination policy she would consider whether there is a set of facts that would allow the Commission to do this but she was of the opinion that there was not a set of facts. Therefore, she recommended that the lease be awarded to the highest bidders with the provision that the exclusionary language against men and male children be deleted and that it be made clear that if men wish to purchase a ticket or males over the age of 10 wish to purchase a ticket that this would have to be allowed.

Public Testimony

D. DeWayne, representing the Strawberry Music Festival, Inc. (SMI), explained he has been staging music festivals since 1983 at Camp Mather and it was his intention from the start to do an event that brought a lot of good feelings to a lot of people. His organization worked closely with staff and he felt he had a positive effect on the City. He also felt that they could take credit that the Department has 97% sellouts during the season. The SMI festivals contain many children's program. He felt they presented an honest bid and he found it hard to believe that they could have given more. He did not dispute the figures. He stated that they have worked honestly with the Department and will continue to do so. He also stated that he had an interest in pursuing the Memorial Day Event, the Labor Day Event and another date if possible. He noted that the Commission could measure the economics but he felt that was not why they were present. He stated that they are trying to put on a wonderful show be it for men or be it for women.

Nancy Russell, representing the West Coast Women's Music Festival, explained that she is a native San Franciscan, employed by the City. She has attended the WCWMF over the last 4 years and found an environment she could not find anywhere else. She felt safe, attended workshops and had experiences that she brought back to the community as a different kind of woman - more empowered, more in tune with herself as a woman. She stressed that it is very important for women to have this space.

13. **CAMP MATHER**
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Public Testimony (Continued)

Ellen Bobbitt, explained her understanding of the importance of a women-only space. She stated that every minority or challenged group needs the opportunity to come together with their individual challenges with only those people present if they are ever going to nourish themselves. When she worked for a women's shelter she was asked to leave a workshop beceaused she had never been battered and everyone in the workshop needed time without her. She gave those women the courage to be nourished in a way where they could hear their own voices, their own feelings. She realized the year the festival was not held that she did not have a minority space, a shelter, to learn and dream of being enriched by one and another. She stated that women make life decisions at these festivals and sometimes face issues regarding addictions, or about rape. Issues they simply cannot face if they are worried about males, even if he is the most feminist, most liberal, most compassionate man. She felt that this matter was not about discrimination. Rather, it was affirming who women are.

Glenda Osborne, representing the Napa Valley Commission on the Status of Women, stated that she has been the insurance agent for the WCWMF and has handled discrimination, by having to pay $5,000 for $1 Million liability when another club only pays $250.00. On the other side, she is a mother and woman and being able to get together and have that space is an unbelievable experience. She stated that women are not safe on the streets and women want to be able to spend 5 days in a protected area and not worry. She explained that 80% of the 1800 women who were at the last festival had been molested and had the space to reveal it and deal with this issue without discrimination. She noted that the WCWMF does not discriminate because it allows males but they have to be a certain age. Women need to have a safe space and the WCWMF creates a safe atmosphere for women and children for 5 days.

T. J. Anthony, representing Men Who Care About Women's Lives, voiced his support for the WCWMF bid for use of Camp Mather. He stated that they are trying to affirm the lives of women and give them the opportunity to be free from violence and intimidation for 4 days of the year. He asked the Commission to treat women the same way the Pope was treated, in terms of the contract. He stated that this 4 day event is less than the 29 days specified in Section 12C of the Administrative Code and that it was not necessary for the Recreation and Park Commission to include this language. He felt that it was the policy of the Commission to establish a contract that respects reality. He stated his sentiment that the Board of Supervisors would support this because they want to affirm the lives of women. He felt that 4 days of safe, free, space for women is something that San Francisco should do because it is good for the City. He urged the Commission to support this contract, remove the language so that women can be assured that when they go up to Mather the environment is free, safe, secure and nourishing.

13. **CAMP MATHER**
SUMMER OFF SEASON/STORE LEASE (Continued)

Public Testimony (Continued)

Robin Tyler, stated that she produced 17 women's music and comedy festivals. She gave a chronology of her festivals stating her opinion that:

°she used Camp Mather the first 2 years, having a 5 year lease, and was asked to leave because 3500 women, mostly lesbians, were too many lesbians for the land;
°she used the Boy Scouts camp and was asked to leave because they were lesbians;
°she went to Santa Barbara County and rented the land for the first few years and when the County found out that they were lesbians they turned off the water.

Ms. Tyler then returned the women's festival to Tuolumne County (Camp Tawonga) and read in the local paper that 6000 people were attending the Strawberry Festival at Camp Mather. She explained that she became angry because Camp Mather was too small for 3500 lesbians but perfect for 6000 straight people with families. She further explained that she now has submitted a bid and won yet Commissioner Eickman has stated, after the fact, that since the Department may lose money it should be changed. She stated that she would accept the land if the Commission forced her to include men but then there would a festival on Memorial Day put on by the SMI, perhaps one after Labor Day staged by SMI, and one festival put on by the WCWMF which would be like SMI and not a women's festival. She stated that three quarters of the women who attend her festival have been battered, victims of rape and incest, and yet it is okay for the Department to allow a particular group to reserve tennis courts for specified times. She stated that Section 12C of the Administrative Code was implemented to provide affirmative action. Lesbians need affirmative action and they have been thrown off the land not for being women but for being lesbians. She asked the Commission to rent Camp Mather to her group, with the requirement that men be included, but still asked that the Commission reconsider a damaged group of people, women and lesbians, and give them the Camp as is done for senior citizens.

Jean Harris, representing Lesbian Agenda for Action, stated that she attended both of the festivals over Labor Day weekend and found them both to be great festivals. The Women's Music Festival was held 3 miles from Camp Mather in an area she termed as a "dust bowl" under extreme conditions. She felt that both festivals need to happen. The issue is that more than just straight white families need to have access to what is available through Recreation and Park. She has discussed this issue before and she found it incredible that the WCWMF is being viewed as a group of people who are the oppressors against the male species. She noted that Commissioner Eickman is concerned about the financial picture. She alleged that perhaps Commissioner Eickman was using the financial figures as an excuse to give the festival to SMI. She noted that staff has struggled to make this bid fair and commended its work. She reiterated the point that the WCWMF gave the highest bid and asked the Commission to take action to enable both festivals to take place.

13. CAMP MATHER
SUMMER OFF SEASON/STORE LEASE (Continued)

Public Testimony (Continued)

Kay Tsenin, the attorney for Robin Tyler, commended staff for presenting a fair bid package. She stated that there was agreement at the Committee level to not include any discriminatory language in any of their materials. She felt that one could not extrapolate that Section 12C states that anyone using the park for more than 29 days must have a non-discrimination clause and that for any event under 29 days one does not have to have a non-discrimination clause. Section 12C gives private groups the right to meet for short periods of time. She asked why women cannot have Camp Mather for 4 days when senior citizens use it for a week. She stated that courts have held that it is discrimination to not let girls on a boy's basketball team yet it is not discrimination to prohibit boys on a girl's team. She felt that this issue was different than the South End Rowing Club or Olympic Club using City property 365 days a year. She stated that the bid process was open to the public. She felt the compromise was simple: the WCWMF will not include any language that says boys under ten are welcome. Such language does not say they cannot come, they just may not be welcome. She felt the Commission was not required to include the Section 12C clause because the contract was less than 29 days a year.

Karyn Cup, explained that she has been attending Strawberry festivals since they began at Camp Mather. She lives in the City and attends the 2 festivals offered. She felt that both festivals need to happen for a lot of the same reasons. She spoke on behalf of SMI and stated that she has watched them build the festival, improving each year. She camps alone and feels safe at Camp Mather. She was dismayed to hear that SMI may not happen because it has been a euphoric weekend which she wished to continue. She derives personal enjoyment from this festival.

Cherry Hastings, representing families in Glen Ellen, supported SMI. She explained that she lives in a small town and about half the community attends the SMI festivals and looks forward to them. She submitted a petition because they were so concerned that it may not be there for them. She read a quote from one of the letters which stated, in part, "...we are all impressed by the way the festival managers organize facilities to make it stay so enjoyable." She explained that they cater to all age groups and that they have a series of activities for children. She noted that they look forward to the festivals at the beginning and end of summer and supported its continuation.

Jim Jarman, stated that he has been to Camp Mather twice and found it very educational and relaxing. SMI offers many workshops for children and he was surprised to see the children so attentive. He noted that the entertainers talk to the children and found the festival to be good entertainment for the entire family. He stated that everyone is treated equal and there is no violence whatsoever.

13. CAMP MATHER
SUMMER OFF SEASON/STORE LEASE (Continued)

Public Testimony (Continued)

Helen Grieco, representing National Organization for Women in San Francisco, stated that the critical issue is the law. She recounted an instance where she had to move a women who was being sexually harassed to a women's space for safety. She stated that everyday her organization receives calls about violence and fear. She stated that what is being considered is a philisophical argument of equality. She commented that even though women reproduce the species and must take time off from work to have a child, thus losing pension benefits, they are evaluated identically. She noted that women are not safe and that violence against women is a critical point in understanding the equality of the issue. She urged the Commission to rule in favor of 4 days of safety, justice, and joy on the basis of affirmative action. She felt it was not an infringement of the law to say yes to this model of equality, different but equal. She felt it would be criminal to say no. She urged the Commission to provide this space because the 29 day clause can be used effectively to do the right thing.

Bridget Banz, representing Legal Advocates for Women, explained that she has been a prosecuting attorney for many years and has worked in law enforcement, dea ng with violence and crime. She has gone to many festivals and attends the workshops, participates in panels or networks with other women attorneys. She explained that medical workshops are offered that are germane to women only. She stated when she attends these festivals it is the only time she have ever felt safe. Males will stifle expression and get in the way of the experience. She felt that women deserve a space to get together and that not all of the attendees are lesbian. She explained that it is not exclusionary in the sense of keeping people out but rather that they want to get together separately so they can achieve something in their own lives and bring it back into their professional life.

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President O'Connor asked Ms. Rosales how the Department administers the senior week at Camp Mather. She also asked Ms. Rosales to state her thoughts about deleting Section 12C of the Administrative Code from the agreement.

Ms. Rosales explained that the senior week is administered through the Recreation Division. She then explained that Section 12C is a law that states that every Department which enters into a lease for more than 29 days in a calendar year must include a non-discrimination clause in its contract. The Camp Mather lease is a 5 year contract; the Labor Day festivals are less than 29 days per calendar year. Technically, the Board of Supervisors does not require the Department to include this section in the contract. Even if the Commission asked that Section 12C be deleted, in her opinion, it would not resolve the issue. If Section 12C was deleted from the agreement it does not answer the question on the Charter, Equal Protection Clause, or State and Federal regulations.

13. CAMP MATHER
SUMMER OFF SEASON/STORE LEASE (Continued)

Commissioner Guggenhime asked the City Attorney if there was any City Department that could have a seminar for battered women only.

Ms. Rosales stated that she could did not think of a way that this could be done. She reiterated the point that this event is considered a public event, open to all members of the public and that any member of the public is allowed to attend. She stated, as an example, that one cannot say "...open to the public except for Latinos."

Vice President Eickman stated that if Mr. Dewayne is willing to stage the Memorial Memorial Day event then his financial concerns were resolved.

Mr. Dewayne stated that SMI is interested in the Memorial Day event particularly if it is coupled with an event to be held a few weeks after Labor Day.

Commissioner Ruiz asked for clarification as to what was agreed to at the Committee level regarding the inclusion of men at this particular event.

President O'Connor explained that the WCWMF said they would reluctantly accept the non-discriminatory language in the contract but that they preferred to have a women-only event.

Commissioner Ruiz stated that when the Committee approved the lease it was with the understanding that it was subject to the contract including the non-discrimination clause. He was concerned because now the WCMCF gives the Commission a document that says they do not want to include this clause. He did not think this displayed a sign of good faith.

Commissioner Guggenhime explained that once the Commission makes a determination the WCWMF would abide with the decision.

Ms. Tsenin explained that the WCWMF made it very clear at the Committee meeting that it would accept the lease if that was the only way it would be awarded. She also explained that they made it very clear then and reiterated her point that they will continue to fight on every basis they can to have a women only music festival even if the Commission approves it.

President O'Connor asked what did Ms. Tsenin mean by this statement. She asked if Ms. Tsenin was talking about a lawsuit.

Ms. Tsenin stated no, not necessarily, but that the WCWMF is very important and if the Pope received a dispensation why couldn't her group. She stated there is a constitutional right to freedom of speech and freedom of association.

Vice President Eickman stated that he was willing to grant the lease if they are willing to include the non-discrimination language. But he was concerned that the WCWMF was still stating that they would do everything they could to change this clause and was putting the Commission in an impossible situation. He wanted them to live up to the terms of the agreement.

13. CAMP MATHER
SUMMER OFF SEASON/STORE LEASE (Continued)

Commissioner Ruiz asked Ms. Tyler, based on prior festivals, what the attendance of ethnic minority woman had been.

Ms. Tyler replied approximately 25%.

Commissioner Guggenhime felt it was not pivital to include Section 12C.

Ms. Rosales explained that if the Commission removes Section 12C and awards the lease provided that the WCWMF does not discriminate on any basis against men they still have a contractual provision to not discriminate against men. If Section 12C is removed and there is a breach of lease then the Human Rights Commission will not be involved in the matter. This Commission would decide whether the exclusion of men was a violation of the non-discrimination clasue. Again, it is a policy decision for the Commission.

President O'Connor asked Ms. Tyler if she would abide with the non-discrimination language. Ms. Tyler replied that she would.

Commissioner Orr stated that he had no concern about Section 12C. But he was concerned that if the Commission does something exclusionary under the law and then some other group comes before the Commission, what does it then say? He was willing to support a motion to approve this with the non-discrimination language in it, with or without Section 12C, and see how it works. As he reads constitutional law he could not legally see it any other way.

President O'Connor clarified the point that the WCWMF bid contained discriminatory language and that they have been asked to eliminate it.

On motion of Commissioner Guggenhime, seconded by Commissioner McAteer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15824

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the bid scores for the Labor Day and Memorial Day Festivals and for the Camp Store. The Commission directed staff to negotiate the lease with the Strawberry Bluegrass Festival for Memorial Day events; negotiate the lease with the West Coast Women's Music Festival for the Labor Day events conditioned on the elimination of all discriminatory language and compliance with the non-discrimination clause law and to negotiate the lease for operation of the Camp Mather store with the West Coast Women's Music Festival.

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Commissioner Guggenhime stated that he was not a constitutional expert but he hoped that a way could be found that if a male or female group wanted to have a seminar there would be a way it could be held somewhere on City property.

14. **CANDLESTICK PARK**
SAVE-A-LIFE PROGRAM
FEE WAIVER

Ratification of an in-kind fee waiver for 150 parking spaces at Candlestick Park in conjunction with the Save-A-Life Program held on September 8, 1990.

President O'Connor explained that she inadvertently violated a Commission policy by authorizing a fee waiver request without first consulting with staff. Deputy Mayor Myra Snyder contacted Ms. O'Connor about an in-kind fee waiver and she had agreed to it. She noted that the group has agreed to provide CPR training for Department staff as an in-kind service.

General Manager Mary E. Burns, explained that last year when the Commission approved the in-kind fee waiver for this organization they never provided CPR training to staff. She noted that staff plans to actively pursue the CPR training service this year.

On motion of Commissioner Guggenhime, seconded by Commissioner Orr, the following resolution was adopted;

RES. NO. 15824

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies an in-kind fee waiver for 150 parking spaces at Candlestick Park in conjunction with the Save-A-Life Program held on September 8, 1990.

15. **ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS**

Superintendent of Recreation Joel Robinson, explained that the gift of this computer equipment will assist in the production of the Teen Newspaper. The equipment will be stored at the Harvey Milk Recreational Arts Building (rather than as advertised at the Hamilton Recreation Center), because it could more safely be secured at this facility.

On motion of Commissioner Orr, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15825

RESOLVED, That this Commission accepts the following gifts valued at $16,114.00, for the Recreation and Park Department:

a. From Apple Computer, Inc., computer equipment for use at the Teen Recreation Center, Harvey Milk Recreational Arts Center, valued at $16,114.00.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate letter of thanks will be sent to the donor.

16. PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission. Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President or the Commission may limit the total testimony to 30 minutes.

Margaret Parkhurst, representing children and animals discussed her desire to designate another pigeon feeding area in the City. She read a letter from Mayor Agnos which directed her to contact the Commission. She explained that there are not designated pigeon feeding areas in her part of the town, near Douglass Park. She said birds are very peaceful.

Commissioner Ruiz explained that he talked to Ms. Parkhurst and would meet with her in the future regarding this issue.

Carol Mindey, spoke on behalf residents of Lake Merced, and discussed her concern regarding the noise level from shots fired from the Pacific Rod and Gun Club at Lake Merced and how disruptive the noise was. She played a tape recording of the noise from the shots and explained that the noise from the Club is heard on weekends, holidays and the noise level is beyond what is allowed.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that this issue is being addressed under the Master Plan for Lake Merced. There have been a number of community meetings regarding this issue and staff will have a recommendation for this issue in the near future.

Julie Tennehouse, a clinical toxicologist and tenant at the Oakwood Apartments, discussed her concern regarding the heavy metals and lead that land in Lake Merced from shots fired from the Pacific Rod and Gun Club at Lake Merced. A study was done in 1989 by Crosby and Overton, an environmental management agency and they found over 54,000 pounds of lead being dumped into Lake Merced on an annual basis. She also noted that water samples taken have been potentially toxic. She did not feel they should be allowed to dispose of the lead in the Lake and felt the Club should be relocated.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that the concentrations of lead in the water on the bottom of the Lake were at acceptable levels however there is a strip along the shoreline band that does contain higher than acceptable concentrations of lead.

Diddo Clark, discussed the success of the 3rd Annual Point Bonita Swim. She stated that Golden Gate Swimmers sponsored this event and that 20 swimmers from throughout the United States started and finished the swim. She felt it was a scandal that both the South End and Dolphin Clubs are violating their leases and this Commission's resolution by prohibiting her group to land on the City's beach and warm up in the City facilities leased by the clubs. She also thought it was a scandal that the South End Board is punishing her and that every time she goes to this club her locker is vandalized and she is harasssed because she has appealed this unjust punishment. She asked the Department to enforce the Club's lease and Commission resolution. She further explained that the Human Rights Commission has filed a complaint against the South End Rowing Club.

17. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President O'Connor discussed her grave concern regarding Supervisor Wendy Nelder's proposal to establish a Zoo Oversight Committee and urged commissioners to contact members of the Board of Supervisors and voice their opposition to this proposal.

President O'Connor discussed the allocation of 49er football tickets for the Commission's luxury suite. She reminded Commission members that if they were not going to attend a football game to contact the Commission Secretary so that other City and County of San Francisco commissioners can enjoy a football game. She further reminded commission members that these tickets are for the City's use and must be given to: (1) another commissioner, (2) a city official, (3) a city employee, or (4) must serve a public purpose.

18. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following Commission Committee reports were submitted for the record:

Joint Zoo Committee Meeting of August 1, 1990
Recreation and Mather Committee Meeting of August 22, 1990
Parks and Planning Committee Meeting of September 6, 1990
Finance and Administration Committee Meeting of September 6, 1990
Golden Gate Park Committee Meeting of September 10, 1990

19. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner McAteer, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Julia Porter, prominent San Francisco activist, who passed away on August 22, 1990 at the age of 93.

On motion of Vice President Eickman the meeting was adjourned in memory of George Hardy, past President of the Services Employees International Union, who passed away on September 13, 1990 at the age of 80.

There being no further business, the 651st Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

Note: These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Recreation and Park Commission on matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological order in which the matters were taken up.

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RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

652ND REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1990 - 2:00 P.M.

The Six Hundred and Fifty-Second Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, October 18, 1990, at 2:00 p.m. by President Connie O'Connor.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:
Commissioner Connie O'Connor, President
Commissioner Keith Eickman, Vice President
Commissioner Richard J. Guggenhime
Commissioner Frances McAteer (noted present at 2:07 p.m.)
Commissioner Trent Orr
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Orr, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 20, 1990, were approved as presented.

APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
Ayes: Commissioners Eickman, Guggenhime, O'Connor, Orr, Ruiz
Absent: Commissioner McAteer

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Mary E. Burns submitted the following report:

"INTRODUCTION OF ELAINE MOLINARI

Today, I am pleased to introduce to you a new employee to the Department, Elaine Molinari, who has been hired for the position of Director of Neighborhood Services. Elaine will be working part-time (20 hours per week) until the first of the year at which time she will become full-time. She will be working with neighborhood groups to develop and broaden a support network for our parks and programs. She will also have the responsibility to write grants and solicit corporate sector support for our parks and programs. This new position was created by the passage of Proposition E which extended the Open Space Program for another fifteen years. Elaine has just completed her Masters degree in Non-Profit Organizations at USF, and says her goal is to "complement and support, not supplant." Welcome to the Recreation and Park Department, Elaine.

DAVID ANDERSON RECEIVES AWARD

On September 26, in Indianapolis, Zoo Director, David Anderson, received an "Outstanding Service Award" from the American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums (AAZPA). This award was in recognition of distinguished service rendered while participating on the Ethics Board during 1987 - 1990. Congratulations, David, from all of us.

TENDERLOIN PLAYGROUND AND RECREATION CENTER

This week the Board of Supervisors approved the acquisition of the State Car Garage and adjacent parking lot at 570 Ellis Street. The site was acquired and will be developed with a combination of state grant funds and Open Space Program monies. The current proposal is to design and construct the playground portion of the project first, with an estimated completion date of September 1, 1991. The design of the recreation center will proceed concurrently, but will take longer to complete.

HAZARD MITIGATION PROJECT

The Chief Administrative Officer is coordinating a citywide grant application for earthquake hazard mitigation. As a requirement of this grant program, the applicant must provide 50% matching funds. Included in this grant application are two projects for the Recreation and Park Department. One project is a request for $930,000 for seismic reinforcement of six public swimming pool buildings. The matching funds for this project are provided by Open Space Program funds which are being banked for the reconstruction of North Beach Pool. Mission Pool and King Pool are not included in this grant request. Mission Pool was reconstructed last year and King Pool was designed to meet current earthquake standards.

Commissioner Ruiz asked why the Mission Pool building was not considered in this grant application. General Manager Mary E. Burns explained that renovation of the Mission Pool building is now being considered by the Open Space Program. It is much more likely that the project will be renovated through the Open Space Program rather than through this grant application.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

HAZARD MITIGATION PROJECT (Continued)

The other Recreation and Park Department project included in this grant application is the rebuilding of the outer breakwater for the west harbor of the San Francisco Marina. This breakwater provides protection to approximately two-thirds of the west harbor as well as to the Marina Green. Although FEMA and local bond funds will provide over $2 million to repair earthquake damage in the marina, no funds have been made available for reinforcing the breakwater. The estimated cost of this project is $1.7 million.

This grant program is competitive. Approximately $30 million is available to the ten-county area which was affected by last October's earthquake. Results of the application process are not expected for several months.

TRANSFER OF McKINLEY SQUARE

The Board of Supervisors has approved a property transfer between the Health Department and the Recreation and Park Department. The Health Department will receive a triangle of land adjacent to San Francisco General Hospital. This unused land was severed from the rest of McKinley Square when the 101 freeway was constructed. In return, the Recreation and Park Department will regain the Park Aid Station located on Stanyan Street on the edge of Golden Gate Park. This property transfer was endorsed by both departments.

TELEGRAPH HILL

The removal of the portion of the north face of Telegraph Hill that was loosened during last year's earthquake began last week. The work is being performed with the help of a large crane mobilized in the Coit Tower parking lot. The work is expected to take up to three weeks to complete.

ZOO OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

The Board of Supervisors defeated by a 7-1 vote Supervisor Nelder's proposal to create a permanent Zoo Oversight Committee.

CHARITABLE SOLICITORS

On Friday, September 21, the day after the last Commission meeting, the Recreation and Park Commission was sued on behalf of the Charitable Solicitors to prevent your policy to prohibit sales activities in parks. Judge Charles Legge of the San Francisco Federal Court, denied that request temporarily until a full hearing could be completed. The City was originally scheduled to be back in Court on this issue on October 11. The plaintiffs have asked for a continuance. I will keep you informed as the case proceeds.

The current policy is in effect until the Court takes further action. Solicitors are no longer in Golden Gate Park or at Coit Tower.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

CANDLESTICK PARK FIELD

The resodding of the baseball infield at Candlestick was started on Thursday, October 4, and the job is now completed in time for Sunday's scheduled football game. This is a yearly undertaking which went along very smoothly. Thanks again to the "sod squad" for another job well done.

CANDLESTICK PARK REVENUE REPORT

Commissioner Guggenhime has asked for a report on revenue being generated at Candlestick Park. I am pleased to report that from August through October 15, 1990, Candlestick has generated $15,270 from films and a Porsche and Lexus car display, all in the parking lot. Additionally, between now and the first of the year we anticipate from $17,000 to $25,000 from films and the Mickey Thompson Road Race which is scheduled for November 3. I think it should be pointed out that this revenue has been generated through the great efforts of Mike Gay, Stadium Engineer, and his assistant, Dolores Dimas.

CAMP MATHER

Jim Lucey reports that the staff housing at Mather is 90% complete and will be ready for occupancy for next year's Camp season. Above-ground gas and diesel containers have been installed and are covered by a roof for protection from the snow. The warehouse project has begun and the foundation is now in place. A new irrigation system in the lake lawn area will be ready for next season. This will facilitate night watering and afford greater use of the area during the day. The demolition of the lake dock area has been completed.

PALACE OF FINE ARTS LIGHTING

The installation of lights at the Palace of Fine Arts is well underway. A lighting ceremony is tentatively scheduled on Monday, November 26th from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. A name will be drawn from a box containing donors' names and that person will "flip the switch" that turns on the lights. You will be receiving invitations to this event by mail.

COMPLETED CAPITAL PROJECTS

I am pleased to announce that the San Francisco Conservation Corps has completed its contract work on the Corona Heights erosion control project. They renovated pathways, moved fencing, constructed retaining walls and improved access to the Corona Heights Park. The work was carried out under the supervision of Walt Kocian, Landscape Architect, Department of Public Works, who is to be highly commended. I invite all of you to enjoy the new pathways at Corona Heights Park. The project was funded by the Open Space Program at a total cost of $90,000.

Tennis court resurfacing has been completed at Helen Wills, Excelsior, Herz, Rochambeau, Argonne, Folsom, J. P. Murphy and Julius Kahn. Due to favorable weather conditions, the contractor was able to complete this phase of the contract much to the pleasure of the tennis enthusiasts. Because this work has come in under budget, additional courts can be repaired. They include Dupont, Buena Vista and Youngblood Coleman. Funded through the Open Space Program, the total cost is $341,000.00.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

HAMILTON TEEN CENTER OPEN HOUSE

On Friday, October 12, the Hamilton Teen Center held its first "Open House." Teen Coordinator, Lorraine Lampkin, reports that the event was a huge success. Approximately 200 youth enjoyed an evening which included carnival games, a jazz band, cotton candy, a soda fountain, and much more. The purpose was to introduce our teen programs to youth from throughout the City. Staff is now planning similar events in other neighborhoods throughout the City.

ANNUAL OCEAN VIEW PICNIC

On Saturday, October 13, Ocean View Playground and the Ocean View, Merced Heights, Ingleside (OMI) Neighbors in Action presented the annual OMI picnic. This year's event attracted over 600 children and adults who participated in a wide range of events and activities. Everyone was treated to free food, games, relay races, raffles, bingo, and entertainment provided by the youth of Ocean View Playground. Staff Supervisor, James Threat, says this was the most successful picnic to date. I am happy to report that no problems occurred and it appears that the shooting incident of September had no impact on attendance for this event. I would also like to mention that attendance for the regularly scheduled activities, such as Latch Key and youth sports, has recovered to its normal level since the incident in September.

HALLOWEEN EVENTS

In your packets you will find the Recreation Division's "Halloween Activities" booklet. Notice the array of activities planned for this year. Something for everyone, the events will be held from October 26th through the 31st.

ASIAN ELEPHANT EXHIBIT RENOVATION

The renovation of the Asian Elephant Exhibit began on October 9, and is an 8 - 10 weeks project. This will involve the removal of concrete from the floor of the yard to be replaced with a natural substrate. Heated floors will be installed on the inside of the exhibit along with safety barriers. This work is being paid for by the San Francisco Zoological Society at a cost of $400,000.

RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT MONTHLY CLAIMS SETTLEMENT REPORT

The following are claims under $5,000 settled by the City Attorney's Office for the month of September, 1990 (last names only):

Claimant	Amount
Dermitzakis	$ 553.67
Spence	829.48
Epps	97.05
Bay Area Rentals	44.28

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

RETIREMENTS

Dorothy Troup	3204 Swimming Pool Cashier/Clerk	34 years

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, October 26, 1990	Pier #7 Opening Ceremony 11:00 a.m., Pier #7 (Foot of Broadway adjacent to Waterfront Restaurant)
Saturday, October 20, 1990	"Coffee with the Candidates for Supervisor, 9:00 a.m., S.F. Zoo
Thursday, November 1, 1990	Parks and Planning Committee 9:00 a.m., McLaren Lodge
Thursday, November 1, 1990	Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee 4:00 p.m., McLaren Lodge
Saturday, November 3, 1990 NOTE NEW DATE	Open Space Tour, 9:00 a.m. (Meet at McLaren Lodge)
Wednesday, November 7, 1990	Joint Zoo Committee 4:30 p.m. (Tour), 5:00 p.m. (Meeting) S.F. Zoo
Monday, November 12, 1990	Veterans' Day Holiday
Wednesday, November 14, 1990	Golden Gate Park Committee 3:00 p.m. (Tour), 4:00 p.m. (Meeting)"

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

President O'Connor asked why Item 4k (Disneyland Trip) and Item 4l (Palace of Fine Arts-Two Day Event) were submitted to the Commission in an untimely manner. She did not like to approve these events after the fact.

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that the Disneyland Trip has now been rescheduled to next month. He further explained that staff has been trying to secure sufficient funding for the trip. Hence, the untimely submittal. The Palace of Fine Arts event had been calendared at the Committee level a few months ago and was removed from the agenda because the event promoter did not have sufficient funds to stage the event. Staff was recently notified that funding had been secured and therefore the item was calendared for Commission approval.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

On motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Orr, ratification of the following resolutions, which are processed under Resolution No. 13572:

a. Personnel Matters — RES. NO. 15826

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period September 4, 1990 through October 3, 1990.

b. UNION SQUARE — RES. NO. 15827
CHANUKAH CELEBRATION 1990

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the request from Chabad of San Francisco to place a Menorah at Union Square from Monday, December 10, 1990 through Friday, December 21, 1990 for the Annual Chanukah Celebration.

c. ROAD CLOSURE — RES. NO. 15828
GREAT HIGHWAY
ANNUAL ESCAPE FROM ALCATRAZ TRIATHLON

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the closure of portion of Great Highway that borders Golden Gate Park for Annual Escape from Alcatraz Triathlon on Sunday, October 28, 1990, 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

d. LINCOLN PARK — RES. NO. 15829
POSTING OF "NO PARKING" SIGNS

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the posting of "No Parking 10 p.m. - 6 a.m." signs on Legion of Honor Drive, fountain parking area and along El Camino Del Mar.

e. COIT TOWER — RES. NO. 15830
CARETAKER UNIT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the change of rental offset from 50% to 100% for Coit Tower Caretaker Unit.

f. COURT RESURFACING — RES. NO. 15831
INCREASE IN CONTRACT CONTINGENCY

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the increase in contract contingency in the amount of $73,886.40 to Inter Coastal Repaving Contractors for court resurfacing.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

g. CORONA HEIGHTS PARK — RES. NO. 15832
INCREASE IN CONTRACT CONTINGENCY

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the increase in contract contingency in the amount of $12,000 to the San Francisco Conservation Corps for Corona Heights Park, Erosion Control Project.

h. MARGARET HAYWARD PLAYGROUND — RES. NO. 15833
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
TEMPORARY USE PERMIT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the temporary use permit with Office of Emergency Services for Emergency Operations Center at Margaret Hayward Clubhouse.

i. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT — RES. NO. 15834
USE OF CREDIT CARDS

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the authorization for use of credit cards at Recreation and Park Department facilities.

j. EUREKA VALLEY PLAYGROUND — RES. NO. 15835
TWO DAY EVENT

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the two day event held on October 13-14, 1990 at Eureka Valley Playground for a garage sale sponsored by Steps.

k. EUREKA VALLEY PLAYGROUND — RES. NO. 15836
MISSION RECREATION CENTER
DISNEYLAND TRIP

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Eureka Valley Playground and Mission Recreation Center's Disneyland trip to be held in November, 1990.

l. PALACE OF FINE ARTS — RES. NO. 15837
TWO DAY EVENT
75th ANNIVERSARY OF THE PALACE OF FINE ARTS AND
21ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE EXPLORATORIUM

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the request from the Exploratorium to use the Rotunda at the Palace of Fine Arts for the 75th Anniversary of the Palace of Fine Arts, Panama Pacific Exposition, and the 21st Anniversary of the Exploratorium from Saturday, October 13 through Sunday, October 14, 1990 from 10:00 a.m. to sunset.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

m. GOLDEN GATE PARK — RES. NO. 15838
PEDESTAL MAP LOCATIONS

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the pedestal map locations: 6th Avenue, Stow Lake, South Lake, Golden Gate Park.

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

Approval of a supplemental appropriation for the creation of a new position: Zoo Operations Director, Capital Development, San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that this item is a proposal to create a new position at the San Francisco Zoological Gardens to manage the capital projects under the bond issue passed in June, 1989. The Clean Water Program will fund this position. However, an amendment to the Annual Salary Ordinance is necessary to create this new position.

On recommendation of the Joint Zoo Committee, and on motion of Commissioner McAteer, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15839

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the creation of a new position: Zoo Operations Director, Capital Development for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens, and authorizes staff to prepare the appropriate legislation for submission to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors.

6. PERMIT AND RESERVATIONS POLICY
AMENDMENTS

Approval of amendments to the Permit and Reservations Policy including regulations on the sale or distribution of food in City parks.

Deputy City Attorney, Mara Rosales, explained that the Commission requested amendments to the Permit and Reservations Policy in July of this year and that she has drafted them. The section pertaining to tai chi/martial arts contains language which states that the General Manager must maintain a list of the park sites where people can engage in this activity without a permit. The section pertaining to regulations governing distribution of sales of food to the general public was clarified since inquiries were made on items such as whether a sponsor may give away free samples at the end of a race. Therefore, she felt it was better for the Commission to delineate what it intends to permit so that staff has clear directions to administer the policy. Section IV contains references to the Charter and sections of the Park Code which give the Commission the authority to adopt these regulations.

6. **PERMIT AND RESERVATIONS POLICY AMENDMENTS (Continued)**

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Orr, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15840

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the amendments to the Permit and Reservations Policy including regulations on the sale or distribution of food in City parks.

7. **McLAREN PARK**
CONCEPTUAL APPROVAL OF FOUR CAPITAL PROJECTS

Approval of improvements to McLaren Park to include the Lake Edge, trails, amphitheatre and program and site for the McLaren Center.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that this item had been considered by the Parks and Planning Committee and is a request to approve four improvement projects at McLaren Park. Funds were made available through the 1987 Park Improvement Bond. Ms. Learner outlined the first phase of improvements:

°provide continuity of trails and along Mansell ridge. Provide rustic pathways closer to Mansell Street and better access for pedestrians at roadway intersections.

°renovate the existing amphitheater including providing a new restroom separate from the back stage facilities.

°construct a park visitors center that would have several meeting rooms and offices for a non-profit organization. This organization could possibly operate the center and offer programs to attract the public to use the park. Ms. Learner explained that the request was for conceptual approval of the site plan for the visitors center and noted that the Commission will consider the actual design of the building at a future meeting. The building would be sited at the top of the ridge of Mansell and offer dramatic views to the North.

°improve the reservoir to provide public access and amenities. Modify the steep slopes that exist at the reservoir to make it safer. Fencing would surround the perimeter of lake. The shoreline would be modified to provide vegetation and a more attractive appearance.

Some of the commissioners asked how often the amphitheater was used in the past. Ms. Learner explained that the amphitheater is located in a nice setting and is not too large. Programming has been quite limited at the amphitheater in the past.

Ms. Learner further explained that the second phase of this project involves a gift from a group who wants to place elements of a Japanese garden at the lake area. The Department will provide the basic improvement to the lake edge as previously described and the proposed gift would offer a small pavillion, a foot bridge, a water feature (such as a waterfall) and additional planting.

7. **McLAREN PARK**
CONCEPTUAL APPROVAL OF FOUR CAPITAL PROJECTS (Continued)

Mitz Hirano, explained that his group of private citizens simply wanted to improve the lake area.

President O'Connor asked for the time frame to complete the projects. Ms. Learner explained that staff is working on initial designs and construction will begin in June of next year. It will take six months to a year to complete these four projects. The environmental evaluation must be prepared and certified before McLaren Park Master Plan is approved by the Recreation and Park Commission.

Vice President Eickman asked if the Commission was voting on the gift itself at this meeting. Ms. Learner explained that she was asking the Commission to approve the gift in concept. At a later date, the Commission will approve the gift in the form of an acceptance agreement with the understanding that if the gift is accepted it will include a maintenance endowment.

Brad Purschel, explained that he lives one block from McLaren Park and was concerned that even though all of the improvements were quite attractive there was an overriding need for security and protection at the park. He felt that the improvements might be vandalized very quickly because they are located in a very remote area. He further noted that the employee who resides in the caretaker cottage has no profile to the public.

Commissioner McAteer felt that when the visitor center is occupied with a tenant it will provide security and an overseer for the park.

Ms. Learner explained the intent and hope is that these improvements will offer opportunities for more people to use the park and that the tenant at the visitor center will promote the park's use.

Ms. Burns explained that she is fully aware that there is vandalism in the park but there is a need to attract more people to use the park. The Department is trying to take pressure off Golden Gate Park and provide a first class facility for the southern part of the City.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's inquiry, the current staffing pattern is five gardeners.

General Manager Mary E. Burns, asked Mr. Prindle to review the agreement with the employee who lives in this caretaker cottage so that he is aware of the duties.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Orr, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15841

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the improvements to McLaren Park to include the Lake Edge, trails, amphitheatre and program and site for the McLaren Center.

8. **RICHMOND RECREATION CENTER**
TEMPORARY USE BY SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Approval of use of Richmond Recreation Center by the San Francisco Police Department as a temporary district station for approximately one year beginning November 1, 1990.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained the Department has acquired a site from the School District for construction of a new recreation center in the Richmond District. Currently, designs are being developed for the recreation center and construction will not begin until next year. The Police Department is in the process of renovating the Richmond Police Station and has asked if Recreation and Park would allow them to occupy the recreation center site as a temporary location for their police station. The Police Department does not have any funding budgeted for this occupation but has agreed, in return for the right to occupy the site, to repair the fence and provide firearm training to Zoo employees. Zoo employees are trained every 90 days in firearm use and in the past the Police Department has charged the Department for such training.

In response to President O'Connor's question on the duration of the free training, Mr. Arnold felt it would be for one year.

Superintendent of Parks, Bernard Barron, suggested that staff should consider the fact that the Police Department uses the Candlestick Parking lot for training free of charge when it enters into discussions with the Police Department on firearms training for the Zoo.

Commissioner Guggenhime felt that staff should inform the Police Department that the Commission feels strongly that it should receive training for more than one year.

General Manager Mary E. Burns, explained that the Municipal Railway, Police and Fire Departments use Candlestick Parking lot for training. The lot is used 4-5 days a month by these Departments for training.

Commissioner McAteer noted that there is much wear and tear on the lot from this training and that the Department should receive something in return for this use.

Commissioner Ruiz asked why firearm training was scheduled every 90 days for Zoo employees. He felt that the frequency of this training appeared to be excessive.

Zoo Director David Anderson, explained that the 90-day policy was established because Zoo employees were complaining that they need to know how to properly use firearms.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Guggenhime, seconded by Commissioner Orr, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15842

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the use of Richmond Recreation Center by the San Francisco Police Department as a temporary district station for approximately one year beginning November 1, 1990.

9. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
JAPANESE TEA GARDEN
GIFT OF SCULPTURE

Conceptual approval of gift of sculpture to be located in the Japanese Tea Garden, Golden Gate Park.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, explained that this item is the siting of a proposed gift of a small piece of sculpture in the Japanese Tea Garden. A small deer sculpture has been offered to the Department by Al Wilsey and is from the estate of Michael Taylor. Staff worked with the Art Commission and felt there was an appropriate place for this sculpture in the Tea Garden. It will not be placed prominently but shall be part of the landscape design in the back portion area of the garden. Approval of the art piece rests with the Art Commission. She further stated that there will be acceptance agreement presented to the Commission in the future which will include a maintenance endowment for the gift of the sculpture. The Golden Gate Park Committee recommended approval of the gift with the condition that if there is a donor plaque it shall be small and placed unobstrusively at the base of the figure.

On recommendation of the Golden Gate Park Committee, and on motion of Commissioner McAteer, seconded by Commissioner Orr, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15843

RESOLVED, That this Commission conceptually approves the gift of sculpture to be located in the Japanese Tea Garden, Golden Gate Park.

10. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY FAIR BOARD

Approval of designating the Recreation and Park Commission as the San Francisco County Fair Board.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that the Recreation and Park Commission previously designated Flower Show Inc. as the board of directors for the County Fair. However, the Commission rescinded that designation last year. Mr. Arnold recommended that the Commission designate itself to act as the County Fair Board rather than to establish a separate board. He felt it would be advantageous for the Commission to assume this role because it would have direct control over all policy decisions affecting the Fair and matters would not have to be heard by two separate governing boards. This would also place additional work on the Commission. He suggested that the Golden Gate Park Committee be the primary reporting body for the County Fair Board.

Commissioner Guggenhime was uncertain whether this responsibility should be given to a separate board.

10. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY FAIR BOARD (Continued)

Mr. Arnold felt this arrangement would be beneficial and efficient to the Commission although there will be additional items calendared and will require more staff time.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that one of the primary benefits of having the Commission function as the Fair Board is because of the concern expressed recently by the Strybing Arboretum Society and the impact of staging the fair at the Arboretum. She said the Society would find the Commission sensitive to protection of the arboretum in planning next year's Fair. She hoped that the Fair will grow in popularity and eventually have to be sited in another area in Golden Gate Park. Since the Commission is the landlord of the park it was better to have it maintain control and make decisions rather than a separate body.

Commissioner Orr said this proposal made sense and if the Commission finds the added responsibility too burdensome it can be reexamined next year. He felt the Golden Gate Park Committee could handle the County Fair items.

On recommendation of the Golden Gate Park Committee, and on motion of Commissioner McAteer, seconded by Commissioner Orr, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15844

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the designation of the Recreation and Park Commission as the San Francisco County Fair Board.

11. **SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS**
LEASE AMENDMENT

Approval of lease amendment with San Francisco 49ers.

Commissioner Guggenhime explained that this item was considered by the Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee. It relates to the allocation of space currently utilized by the Giants at Candlestick Park. The Board of Supervisors wanted this provision deleted from the lease and did not want the Commission to have such authority.

On recommendation of the Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Orr, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15845

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the lease amendment with San Francisco 49ers.

12. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS
INCREASE IN TICKET PRICES

Approval to increase the ticket price for the 1991 Baseball Season.

Commissioner Guggenhime explained that this item was considered by the Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee and is a request to increase the Giants ticket prices for 1991. All of the requested price increases were considered to be well within the guidelines of "reasonable". The new category created by the Giants, the MVP season ticket category, provides 4,500 seats behind home plate. The Giants intend to create this category, charge $12.75 per ticket and present a package upon issuance of this ticket which adds an additional $1.25 charge to the $12.75 ticket price, thereby allowing the MVP patron entry to the Stadium Club. The Giants will not make the additional $1.25 charge an option for those who purchase MVP tickets. Therefore, in effect, the MVP ticket will cost $14.00. He noted that if the Giants choose to do this it may be considered illegal by the City Attorney. He further explained that the Board of Supervisors has exempted the Giants from paying the admission tax for tickets sold under $13.00.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that the previous Controller's Audit raised an issue that the Giants were charging something other than what the Commission had authorized and that the City should receive its percentage based on the full ticket price. The Giants dispute the findings of this audit. She felt there may well be a dispute regarding the MVP ticket price. She noted that clearly one cannot purchase the MVP ticket for less than $14.00 and that the Department ought to be charging its percentage based on $14.00. The Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee recommended a $12.75 price for the MVP ticket.

Commissioner Ruiz asked for clarification on the survey done by staff on ticket prices charged by other baseball teams. Mr. Prindle explained that staff surveyed other California baseball teams and found the Giants' price increase request reasonable.

Commissioner Ruiz posed questions regarding attendance records. He asked for the attendance record for general admission tickets. He understood the admission tax exemption applied to the first 42,500 paid admissions.

Mr. Prindle explained that the admission tax was established when Candlestick Park was expanded to accommodate the 49ers. The Giants' argument has always been that the stadium expansion benefited the 49ers and not them and therefore the Board of Supervisors has always approved an exemption for the admission tax. The agreement reached was that the Giants would pay admission tax for those seats sold over 42,500 (the original configuration capacity of Candlestick) and for tickets sold over $12.99. The Giants do not pay admission tax on a per game basis where the admission is less than 42,500.

Commissioner Ruiz asked if other baseball teams pay admission tax and explained that he discussed this matter with a member of the Board of Supervisors. He did not understand why the Giants did not have to pay an admission tax. Even though this specific issue is not within the Commission's jurisdiction, he felt the Board should be aware of his concern.

12. **SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS**
INCREASE IN TICKET PRICES (Continued)

A discussion ensued regarding the Commission calendaring an item in the future requesting the Board of Supervisors to consider the elimination of the Giants' exemption from the admission tax. Staff was directed to calendar this matter for consideration at the next meeting of the Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee.

Marcia Smolens, representing the Giants, explained that 189,937 General Admission tickets were sold in the 1990 season, which represents 9-10% of the total ticket sales.

Commissioner Guggenhime voice his belief that the Commission was entitled to a percentage of any ticket charged over $12.75.

On recommendation of the Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Guggenhime, seconded by Commissioner McAteer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15846

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an increase in the ticket price for the 1991 Baseball Season, as follows:

	CURRENT	APPROVED
MVP Season Ticket	---	$12.75
Lower Box	$11.00	$12.00
Upper Box	$10.00	$11.00
Lower Reserve	$9.00	$10.00
Upper Reserve	$7.00	$8.00
Pavilion	$5.00	$5.00
General Admission	$2.50	$2.50

Approved by the following vote:
Ayes: Commissioners Eickman, Guggenhime, McAteer, O'Connor, Orr
Noes: Commissioner Ruiz

13. **AQUATICS DIVISION**
FEE INCREASE

Approval of the following increase in swimming pool fees, effective January 1, 1991:

Assistant General Manager for Finance and Property, Ernie Prindle, explained the swimming pool fee increase is a direct result of the actions taken by the Board of Supervisors during this year's budget process. The Mayor eliminated the Sharon Arts Studio Program and reduced the Aquatics program during the budget process. The Board of Supervisors restored funding for these programs but asked the Department to increase the costs of these programs to make them more self-supporting. The Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee considered a 10% across the board fee increase. The Aquatics Advisory Board recommended a modified fee structure which would raise the general admission fee, offer scrip tickets in three forms, and increase the price of the medical scrip ticket. Staff estimates that this fee increase will generate $70,000 in revenues for the Department.

13. AQUATICS DIVISION
FEE INCREASE (Continued)

Superintendent of Recreation, Joel Robinson, explained that although the staff recommendation was lesser than what was proposed by the Aquatics Advisory Committee, the Advisory Committee hoped that if a greater increase was given this year perhaps a fee increase would not occur next year. He further explained that the Aquatics Advisory Board is comprised of persons representing each of the Department's pools.

On recommendation of the Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner McAteer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15847

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the following increase in swimming pool fees, effective January 1, 1991:

	CURRENT	APPROVED
Adult	$2.00	$ 2.50
Youth	.25¢	.25¢
Adult Scrip 5 Swims	---	10.00 (For 5 Swims)
Adult Scrip 11 Swims	---	20.00 (For 11 Swims)
Adult Scrip 15 Swims	$25.00 (For 15 Swims)	30.00 (For 16 Swims)
Senior/Special Need Scrip	$10.00 (For 15 Swims)	10.00 (For 10 Swims)

Effective January 1, 1991 scrip tickets purchased at current prices will not be accepted, however pro-rated dollar value of unused scrip tickets may be applied to the purchase of a new scrip ticket or application for refund of the outstanding pro-rated value may be secured from the pool cashier.

14. INDIA BASIN
SETTLEMEMT AGREEMENT

Approval of settlement agreement in the case of City and County of San Francisco versus Stone, Case #915-870, for acquisition of property at India Basin. The Commission will convene in Executive Session pursuant to Section 54956.9(A) of the California Government Code to discuss this matter.

4:05 p.m. to 4:10 p.m. the Commission convened in Executive Session.

On motion of Commissioner Guggenhime, seconded by Commissioner Orr, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15848

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the settlement agreement in the case of City and County of San Francisco versus Stone, Case #915-870, for acquisition of property at India Basin.

15. PORTSMOUTH SQUARE
PORTSMOUTH PLAZA PARKING CORPORATION

Approval of loan for completion of improvements at Portsmouth Square Garage.

ACTION: This item was removed from the Calendar.

16. URBAN PARK RANGERS
FIREARM POLICY

Approval of no firearm policy for Urban Park Rangers.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that the Department has a small security force which works evenings and provides services such as locking restrooms, securing gates of park properties. The force is called upon to help in an emergency when staff is not on duty. The force has been existence for over 100 years and are a very dedicated group of employees. Up until two years ago they were authorized by the Police Chief to carry firearms if they wished to do so. For a variety of reasons, including some changes in State law, the Chief of Police has informed the Department that he is no longer authorizing such authority.

The Department hired an outside consulting group, at the suggestion of the Police Chief, to evaluate the duties of the rangers and to develop a written standard operating procedure. The Department has consulted with the City Attorney's Office regarding whether or not these individuals should be authorized to carry firearms. Ms. Burns recommended that the Commission adopt a policy stating that members of this force, urban park rangers, no longer be authorized to carry firearms. If the Commission approves this recommendation, the Department will meet and confer with the union on this issue. She noted that members of this unit are divided on the issue. Some rangers feel very strongly that, at times, they are in very difficult situations and need to carry firearms for protection. In looking at the job duties staff has come to the conclusion that carrying firearms is not appropriate and that if the park rangers require police assistance they should call them. The rangers are not hired to provide that kind of service.

Commissioner McAteer asked if the rangers were allowed to carry mace. Ms. Burns stated that mace is not recommended by the Police Department.

Cheng Yu, an urban park ranger for the Department, explained that he currently works at Candlestick Park. He explained that there is one employee per shift at the stadium and that they have no radio communication at Candlestick Park. He felt their position could be reclassified under the California Penal Code Section 834.1 and then be allowed to carry firearms. He noted that they respond to Department facilities, some located in high-crime areas. He felt that for safety reasons they should be allowed to carry firearms and was willing to qualify for use of firearms. He noted that they are willing to spend their own time and money to protect themselves and perhaps protect a citizen.

16. URBAN PARK RANGERS
FIREARM POLICY (Continued)

Harold Walthers, Jr., an urban park ranger, explained that he has worked the graveyard shift for four years and during that time he has stopped 2 suicides and 1 kidnapping. He explained that if he had not been armed he would not have performed these acts. He explained that he stops cars in the park at night and one never knows what could happen when they confront these cars. He further explained that even though they respond quickly sometimes the Police do not respond for 45 minutes.

Vice President Eickman explained that he understood the problems facing these employees but noted that the Police Dept. does not think it is proper for them to have firearms at this time. He stated that the letter from the Police Chief removes any protection the Department had in authorizing firearm use.

Assistant Superintendent of Golden Gate Park, Jim Rogers, explained that he was aware of only 3-4 members of the park patrol who carry firearms regularly. He read a letter from Elaine Grassano, an urban park ranger, which stated that "...I have been an employed full time as an urban park ranger since July 1989. I have chosen not to carry a firearm. However, I prefer to have that choice. Therefore, I am against a no firearm policy or a mandatory firearm policy. Please uphold our freedom of choice." Mr. Rogers explained that some of the urban park rangers feel the Commission is removing an option from them. He explained that there is a training program contained in the Standard Operating Procedures manual which will provide an appropriate method of behavior for urban park rangers without the use of firearms.

President O'Connor explained there was a liability concern. She stated that many of the Department employees, outside of the urban park rangers, face dangerous and threatening situations daily. She reiterated that the Department does not want rangers to be peace officers, but rather, control people and make sure the facilities are okay.

Commissioner McAteer inquired about the ranger who stated that he did not have a telephone while on duty at Candlestick. Mr. Barron explained there is a Department telephone at the stadium in the engineer's office for the ranger's use.

Ms. Burns asked Mr. Rogers to look into the possibility of park rangers using hand held radios while on duty.

Commissioner Ruiz asked for clarification on the ranger's request for reclassification. Ms. Burns explained that Mr. Yu was talking about a title in State law that refers to urban park rangers and a section in the State law which allows State park rangers to be classified as peace officers and therefore carry firearms. That law is not applicable to this matter.

On recommendation of the Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Guggenhime, the following resolution was adopted:

16. URBAN PARK RANGERS
FIREARM POLICY (Continued)

RES. NO. 15849

RESOLVED, That this Commission hereby approves a no firearm policy for the classification of 8208 Park Patrol Officer (working title Urban Park Ranger) and 8210 Head Park Patrol Officer (working title Head Urban Park Ranger.

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Commissioner McAteer wanted some form of protection given to the urban park rangers. Mr. Rogers explained that they have been developing a training package which will enable rangers to do their job without firearms. The training package includes agility training, assertiveness training, baton training and hand-to-hand combat training.

17. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS

On motion of Commissioner Guggenhime, seconded by Commissioner Orr, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15850

RESOLVED, That this Commission accepts the following gifts valued at $13,935.00, for the Recreation and Park Department:

a. From Dian Wong, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $2,500.00, for the Tenderloin Recreation Center.

b. From Vanguard Public Foundation, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $1,000.00, for the Valencia Gardens Recreation Center.

c. From Betty Silverman, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $1,000.00, for the Golden Gate Park bridle paths.

d. From Pier 39 Limited Partnership, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $3,000.00, for the Recreation Division's teen newspaper.

e. From Satterfield & Company, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $5,600.00, for a reinforced culvert at Sharp Park Golf Course.

f. From Bob Hoffman, one (1) bale of New Zealand Moss and twenty-five (25) orchid species, valued at $500.00 for the Conservatory of Flowers, Golden Gate Park.

g. From Santa Rosa Tropicals, fifteen (15) Sphaeropteris cooperii (Australian Tree Ferns), valued at $335.00, for Golden Gate Park.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate letters of thanks shall be sent to the donors.

18. PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission. Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President or the Commission may limit the total testimony to 30 minutes.

No public comment was received.

19. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President O'Connor discussed the possibility of using the Commissioner's cabin at Camp Mather for the off-season events at Camp. She explained that since there has been so much information transmitted to the Commission regarding the festivals she felt the Commissioner's cabin should be excluded from the lease. She felt the cabin could be used by a commissioner or staff person to witness, first hand, an off-season event.

President O'Connor discussed the use of the Commissioner's luxury suite football box and how items may be purchased from the luxury suite catering firm. She asked commissioners to inform the Commission Secretary regarding the use of tickets.

20. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following Committee reports were submitted for the record:

Joint Zoo Committee Meeting of September 4, 1990
Recreation and Mather Committee Meeting of September 26, 1990
Parks and Planning Committee Meeting of October 4, 1990
Finance and Administration Committee Meeting of October 4, 1990
Golden Gate Park Committee Meeting of October 10, 1990

21. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner McAteer the meeting was adjourned in memory of Harry Jensky, a gardener who worked at the Marina Green who died at the age of 44 on October 14, 1990.

There being no further business, the 652nd Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

Note: These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Recreation and Park Commission on matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological order in which the matters were taken up.

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RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

653RD REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1990 - 2:00 P.M.

The Six Hundred and Fifty-Third Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, November 15, 1990, at 2:00 p.m. by President Connie O'Connor.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:
Commissioner Connie O'Connor, President
Commissioner Keith Eickman, Vice President
Commissioner Richard J. Guggenhime
Commissioner Frances McAteer
Commissioner Trent Orr
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Orr, seconded by Commissioner Guggenhime, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 15, 1990, were approved as corrected. (Item 5. "Proposition "A" bonds will fund this position."

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Mary E. Burns submitted the following report:

MAYOR'S MANAGERIAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS LUNCHEON

On Friday, November 9, 1990 the 10th Managerial Excellence Awards Luncheon was held at the St. Francis Hotel to honor and recognize managers below the level of department head or chief administrator. This event was sponsored by the Mayor's Fiscal Advisory Committee, the San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association (SPUR) and the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce. The two outstanding nominees from the Recreation and Park Department were Deborah Learner, Park Planner, and Jim Lucey, Assistant Superintendent, Structural Maintenance. Although Deborah or Jim did not receive an award at the luncheon, I know you join me in congratulating them on their nomination, and thank them for their outstanding contributions to the Department.

RICHMOND RECREATION CENTER

As you will recall, at last month's Commission meeting you voted to allow the San Francisco Police Department to use the Richmond Recreation Center as temporary quarters during renovation of their Richmond Station. A letter was received from Norman Karasick, City Architect, informing us that the renovation will start on December 3, 1990. The scheduled time frame is eleven months and the Department of Public Works has informed Nibbi-Lowe Construction, the general contractor, to coordinate with our department to minimize any impacts that may arise due to the construction. The contractor was also notified to take all necessary measures to protect the safety of the public and be responsible for repairing any damage to the site. The Police Department has already moved portable bungalows onto the park.

1991 HOLIDAY ROAD CLOSURES - JOHN F. KENNEDY DRIVE

Last year this Commission approved the holiday road closures for John F. Kennedy Drive and designated that in the future the closure of this road was to be handled administratively by the Department. Therefore, the following is the schedule for 1991 Holidays:

Tuesday, January 1, 1991 (New Year's Day)
Monday, January 31, 1991 (Martin Luther King Day)
Monday, February 18, 1991 (President's Day)
Monday, May 27, 1991 (Memorial Day)
Thursday, July 4, 1991 (Independence Day)
Monday, September 2, 1991 (Labor Day)
Wednesday, December 25, 1991 (Christmas Day)

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT** (Continued)

GREAT HIGHWAY CLOSURE

In December, 1989, the Permits and Reservations section issued a permit to the NIKE San Francisco Half Marathon. This event is scheduled to take place on December 2, 1990, from 6:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The permit request also asked for road closure of the Great Highway, but that request went to the Board of Supervisors, not the Recreation and Park Department. This Department has just found out that on February 14, 1990, the Board of Supervisors approved the road closure despite the fact that the Great Highway is under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission. Staff has notified the Board and the Interdepartment Staff Committee on Traffic and Transportation (ISCOTT) that all future road closure of the Great Highway must be approved by this Commission. Due to the lack of time to schedule the item for review by the Commission and in light of the Board of Supervisor's approval, the permit has already been issued.

COMBINED CHARITIES REPORT

This year's employee charities campaign was the most successful in history for the Recreation and Park Department. Approximately $26,000 was contributed by 410 Recreation and Park Department staff members. This year, nine staff members volunteered to assist as captains in the campaign. Each captain was assigned approximately 100 employees to contact. Special commendation goes to Ron de Leon and Jim Cooney who were two of the captains. Through Ron's efforts, over $6,000 was contributed by 94 employees. Jim Cooney was close behind with 93 employees who contributed $5,609. On a citywide basis, over $500,000 was contributed during the campaign. Special thanks to Phil Arnold who once again coordinated this Department's efforts.

MARINA GREEN RUNNING TRACK

Over the past two weeks the running track at the Marina Green was paved. The surface of the track had deteriorated and, with the end of daylight savings time, there was a concern that someone might become injured while using the track. Asphalt was used to repair the track because the clay surface which it replaced could not withstand the conditions of weather and use in the Marina. Several complaints have been received as a result of this repair. All of the complaints have objected to the use of asphalt to replace the clay surface. Alternative surfaces were explored. However, all of the alternatives involved substantial expenditures. For example, an all-weather track at the Marina Green would cost over $200,000. The Recreation and Park Department does not have funds for this type of project. Therefore, a decision was made at the staff level to resurface a 700 foot section of the track with asphalt as a test. This test section was left in place for approximately one year. No public complaint was received and the surface held up well. Only after this test period was a decision made to resurface the entire track. Recreation and Park Department staff are open to suggestions for an improved surface for the running track. However, given the condition of City finances, it is unlikely that the City budget will support a major expenditure on the track. It is suggested that the users may want to undertake a private fundraising campaign to fund a different surface.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

Vice President Eickman asked why a public hearing was not held regarding the Marina Green track. Ms. Burns explained that staff felt that this was more of a maintenance matter and therefore staff made the decision to resurface the track. Commissioner McAteer commented that many complaints were received from the boatowners at the Marina regarding the old track. She further noted that people daily jog in Golden Gate Park on an asphalt surface without complaint. Ms. Burns noted that claims were filed by boatowners concerning damage to their boats resulting from dust flying off the track. She explained that the all-weather track is very difficult to maintain and protect and that the Marina track is also used by skaters, bicyclists, etc.

PRESS CONFERENCE FOR TEEN NEWSPAPER

A press conference acknowledging major donors to the Department's citywide Teen Newspaper (written and produced by teens for teens) will be held Tuesday, November 20, at noon. Location for the event is Hamilton Recreation and Teen Center, Geary and Steiner Streets. At the press conference we will recognize Apple Computer for donating a MacIntosh printer and software; Stanley Tools for a 1990 Chevrolet Durango pickup truck; and Pier 39 for underwriting photo journalism and news production equipment. Readership should be increased through this publicity.

VOLUNTEER COLLECTORS AND KMEL RADIO LITTER PICKUP

The Volunteer Collectors, a group of senior citizens who have been picking up litter for eight years in Golden Gate Park on Saturday and Monday mornings, and KMEL radio will join forces to combat litter in Golden Gate Park this Saturday, November 17, 10 a.m. - noon. The Department views this activity as an educational opportunity to reach a teenage audience. The Volunteer Collectors will lend their "litter pickup" expertise to the event and KMEL will publicize and give out t-shirts at the cleanup.

SURVEY OF RECREATION PROGRAMS

During the months of November and December the Delinquency Prevention Commission will be conducting a survey of recreation programs throughout the City. Members of that Commission will visit facilities to collect information and speak with staff regarding programs. The information collected will be of great value to the Recreation Division as it continues its efforts to provide the highest quality recreation programs possible. The data collected will be published in mid-January of 1991 and, hopefully, it will give a very positive image of our staff and the Recreation Division as a whole.

Vice President Eickman asked if those who conduct the survey announce their arrival at the sites. Ms. Burns explained that the Delinquency Prevention Commission's visits are unannounced.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT MONTHLY CLAIMS SETTLEMENT REPORT

The following are claims under $5,000 settled by the City Attorney's Office for the month of October, 1990:

Claimant	Amount
Subijana	$ 76.61
Bartels	66.00
Winters	1,200.00
Clahr	182.84
Tom	176.14
Hexol Inc.	78.39
Dizon	45.00
Reid	2,707.10
Gee	326.40
Joseph	75.00
Panarites	183.82

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Once again the annual lighting of San Francisco's official Christmas Tree at Mc Laren Lodge will be held on Wednesday, December 12, at 6:00 p.m. The honor of turning on the lights will again be given to Mayor Agnos. Festivities will begin at 5:30 p.m. and include the arrival of Santa on his sleigh. An invitation is extended to all to attend and participate in this special Holiday event.

RETIREMENTS

Alice Collins	3204 Pool Cashier Clerk	28 years
Giovanni Magoncelli	7344 Carpenter	10 years

Vice President Eickman asked if these positions would be replaced. Ms. Burns explained that the pool cashier will be replaced but not the carpenter position due to a current shortage of salary funds in the Park Division.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, November 22, 1990	Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 23, 1990	Day-After-Thanksgiving Holiday
Monday, November 26, 1990	Palace of Fine Arts Lighting Celebration, Lyon Street & Marina Blvd., 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 28, 1990	Recreation Program and Mather Committee Meeting, 3:30 p.m. Ocean View Recreation Center

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)

DATES TO REMEMBER (Continued)

Monday, December 3, 1990	Golden Gate Park Committee 3:00 p.m. (Tour) 4:00 p.m. (Meeting), McLaren Lodge
Wednesday, December 5, 1990	Joint Zoo Committee, 4:30 p.m. (Tour) 5:00 p.m. (Meeting) S.F. Zoo
Thursday, December 6, 1990	Parks and Planning Committee 9:00 a.m., McLaren Lodge
Thursday, December 6, 1990	Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee 4:00 p.m., McLaren Lodge
Saturday, December 8, 1990	Recreation and Park Department Holiday Party, 7:00 p.m., Glen Park Recreation Center
Wednesday, December 12, 1990	Strybing Arboretum Society Volunteer Luncheon, 12 noon, County Fair Building

Ms. Burns introduced Ken Grossinger, representing Local 790. Mr. Grossinger explained that he hoped to build upon the good working relationship the union had with Recreation and Park.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Orr, seconded by Commissioner Guggenhime, ratification of the following resolutions, which are processed under Resolution No. 13572:

a. Personnel Matters **RES. NO. 15851**

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period October 4, 1990 through November 2, 1990.

b. CCA SILBAND SPORTS CORPORATION RENT CREDIT **RES. NO. 15852**

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the $3,235.31 rent credit for CCA Silband Sports Corporation for replacement of camera for resident discount program.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

c. GOLF COURSES-PHOTOGRAPHER REVISION TO PERMIT — RES. NO. 15853

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the revision to Cara Bloom permit to allow photographs at Golf Courses only for tournaments.

d. GOLDEN GATE PARK CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT — RES. NO. 15854

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the supplementing project with $35,000 from Open Space - Handicap Play area project 200-01 to increase construction contingency in the amount of $35,000 to Cuevas Mannion Construction Inc. for settlement of claims and additional access improvements at the Golden Gate Park Children's Playground.

e. CROCKER AMAZON PLAYGROUND PARK IMPROVEMENT PLAN JOHN McLAREN PARK MASTER PLAN MODIFICATION OF PLANS — RES. NO. 15855

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the modified plans which would delete the undeveloped area along Geneva Avenue, east of Crocker Amazon Playground from these plans and require that this special area be addressed as a unique project and require separate environmental review.

f. SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS — RES. NO. 15856

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the proposed settlement of the unlitigated claim of De Andre Forks in the amount of $8,800.00, and ratification of litigated claim of Douglass Caraway in the amount of $10,455.00.

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

Zoo Director, David Anderson, explained the animal transactions: the penguins were sold to Blank Park Zoo and the Curassow was sold to provide a mate for a bird housed at Wildlife Associates.

On motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner McAteer, the following resolution was adopted:

5. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

RES. NO. 15857

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transaction (which was processed under Resolution No. 13572) for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens:

SOLD TO: Blank Park Zoo
7401 Southwest 9th Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50315
USDA #42-54-L

Nine (9) Magellanic Penguins, valued at $13,500 for the group
Payment to be made to our Animal Purchase Account

SOLD TO: Wildlife Associates
Shamrock Ranch
Pacifica, CA 94044

One Male Great Curassow, valued at $75.00.
Payment to be made to our Animal Purchase Account

6. **SIGMUND STERN GROVE**
TROCADERO CLUBHOUSE
RENTAL FEE

Approval of increase in rental fee for Sigmund Stern Grove Clubhouse effective January 1, 1991 as shown below:

Assistant Superintendent for the Cultural Division, Peter Ashe, explained that staff is recommending a modest increase in the rental schedule for the clubhouse at Sigmund Stern Grove. He outlined the proposed increase.

In response to Commissioner Guggenhime's question regarding bookings, Mr. Ashe explained that it is not uncommon to have 5 bookings during premium rental periods (Friday nights or any time Saturday and Sunday). Commissioner Guggenhime felt that the rental rate was quite reasonable for the facility.

Mr. Ashe concurred that the fee is very moderate but reminded the Commission that the clubhouse is a public, tax supported building given to the City with the intent that it be used for recreational purposes.

On recommendation of the Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner McAteer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15858

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an increase in rental fee for Sigmund Stern Grove Clubhouse effective January 1, 1991 as shown below:

	Current	Approved
Monday through 4:00 pm Friday	$200	$250
Friday nights and at all times Saturday, Sunday and Holidays	$300	$350

7. **SHARON ART STUDIO**
INCREASE IN FEES/CLASS SIZE

Approval of increase in class size and fees for the Sharon Art Studio effective January 1, 1991.

Assistant Superintendent for the Cultural Division, Peter Ashe, explained that at the Special meeting of the Commission of 8/22/90 staff was directed to generate a 30% increase in the fees and class size for the Sharon Arts Studio for the last six months of this fiscal year (1/1/91-6/30/91). The proposed increase will generate the needed additional revenue for the Sharon Arts Studio program.

On recommendation of the Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee, and on motion of Commissioner McAteer, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15859

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an increase in class size and fees for the Sharon Art Studio effective January 1, 1991, as follows:

A. Increase the number of programs for Youth and Teens (ages 11-15 years)

- One (1) Teen Leaded Glass (8 Students)
- One (1) Teen Glass Fusing (8 Students)
- One (1) Children's Jewelry (8 Students)

B. Add one (1) Ceramics Class (15 Students)

C. Increase Sharon Arts Studio Fees as follows:

	Current	Approved
Ceramics Class	$80.00	$86.00
Leaded Glass	55.00	60.00
Jewelry Class	55.00	60.00
China Painting	45.00	50.00

D. Increase the class size from 14 students to 15 students per class

8. **MARINA YACHT HARBOR**
GASHOUSE COVE MARINA, INC.
RENT CREDIT

Approval of rent credit in an amount not to exceed $7,500 and Memorandum of Understanding with Gashouse Cove Marina Inc.

Director of Property Management, Lucinda Pope Scanlan, explained that the mooring dock outboard of the Marina Yacht Harbor gas dock facility is in unsafe condition and in need of replacement. This dock yields approximately 70% of the rent revenues from the concessionaire. She proposed that a rent credit be offered to the tenant to replace the facility and that the Department pay half of the replacement cost up to a maximum of $7,500. The tenant will pay back the rent credit out of an increase of 1% of the percentage rent for yacht brokerage. Staff anticipates that it will take 3-4 years to earn back the credit. The Memorandum of Understanding has been approved by the City Attorney.

8. **MARINA YACHT HARBOR**
GASHOUSE COVE MARINA, INC.
RENT CREDIT (Continued)

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, seconded by Commissioner Orr, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15860

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a rent credit in an amount not to exceed $7,500 and Memorandum of Understanding with Gashouse Cove Marina Inc.

9. **PORTSMOUTH SQUARE**
PORTSMOUTH PLAZA PARKING CORPORATION

Approval of loan for completion of improvements at Portsmouth Square Garage.

Assistant General Manager for Finance and Property, Ernie Prindle, explained that this item was heard and approved by the Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee. In 6/89 the Commission authorized the Portsmouth Plaza Parking Corporation to expend approximately $1.9 Million of surplus funds they had available for installation of a new elevator and other improvements at the garage. Due to cost overruns, the price escalated to $2.2 Million. It was then discovered that the $1.9 Million figure included in its calculation the value of the garage and was not available as liquid funds and thus could not be utilized as cash. Therefore, the Corporation is facing a shortage of $1.4 Million. He recommended that the Commission loan an amount not to exceed $1.4 Million. A portion of the loan ($500,000) would be allocated from the Open Space Fund, presently earmarked for the improvements at Portsmouth Square. $900,000 would be loaned from the interest earned on 1987 park bonds sold in 1988. This loan would be paid at a current rate of interest. The loan repayment shall be made to the Open Space Fund and then to the park bond fund. The actual loan document will be brought back to the Commission for approval.

Park Planner, Deborah Learner, clarified the point that the $900,000 would be taken from the unallocated interest that is currently accruing from the 1987 park bond for selected City parks among which includes Portsmouth Square.

In response to Commissioner McAteer's question, Mr. Prindle explained that it will take approximately 10 years to repay the loan.

In response to Commissioner Orr's question, Ms. Learner explained that the Open Space monies were earmarked for the Portsmouth Square renovation project which has two basic sources of funding: Open Space monies and the 1987 Park Bond. The project will be done in two phases and staff feels the Open Space loan will be recouped in adequate time to address the Portsmouth Square improvement project.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that the Corporation has agreed to review the fee structure and management arrangement at the garage and by doing so the Department may increase its revenue. The Corporation is the only entity that can propose a fee increase.

9. **PORTSMOUTH SQUARE**
PORTSMOUTH PLAZA PARKING CORPORATION (Continued)

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question, Mr. Prindle explained that a reasonable rate of interest will be charged for repayment of the loan.

Paul Newman, representing the Portsmouth Plaza Parking Corporation, explained that they are trying to increase revenues and hoped to figure out a way to change the procedure for depositing garage receipts since the garage bonds are paid. He stated that there is a possibility that the Corporation can avoid paying the gross receipts tax to the City, and that money would go directly to the Department.

In response to Vice President Eickman's question regarding the special overnight rate at the garage, Mr. Harding Leong, the manager of the garage, explained that it was not working well with only approximately 22 parkers using this option.

President O'Connor suggested that the Commission review the special overnight rate in the future.

On recommendation of the Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Guggenhime, seconded by Commissioner McAteer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15861

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the loan for completion of improvements at Portsmouth Square Garage.

10. **CAMP MATHER**
OFF-SEASON LEASE

Approval of Camp Mather off-season leases for the Strawberry Music, Inc. - Spring Festival Event and Fall Festival Event

Director of Property Management, Lucinda Pope Scanlan, presented for approval the Strawberry Music, Inc. lease for Spring and Fall events at Camp Mather. The proposed lease is a 5-year lease to produce 2 annual festivals, one on Memorial Day and one the second weekend after Labor Day. The rent provisions of the lease are as follows:

Spring Event (1st Year) $30,100 minimum guarantee against 12% of the revenues up to $350,000; 14% of revenues above $350,000, plus 8% for rental of cabins.

Fall Event (1st Year) $22,500 minimum guarantee against 10% of the revenues, plus 8% for rental of cabins.

10. **CAMP MATHER**
OFF-SEASON LEASE (Continued)

The Strawberry Music Festival will pay the cost of the wages and fringe benefits of City employees who are required to be at Camp to service the event. Eight (8) of the new staff cabins are separated from the lease and will be available for use by the Commission/Department. A number of staff or Commission observers can attend each of the events up to a total of 20 people. Non discrimination provisions have been rewritten at the direction of the Commission. A new provision has been added to address the potential conflict in scheduling the second Fall event due to the Camp Mather annual "Senior" Week, the Women's Music Festival Labor Day event and this second Fall event. A new section has been added to the lease to clarify the schedule of possession of the site and the lessee's responsibilities. The lease also contains an escape clause for both sides the first year.

In response to Commissioner Ruiz's question, Ms. Scanlan explained that the escape clause was included to underscore the Department's concern for the Camp Mather environment. Since the Department has never tried to hold 3 events in one year she wanted assurance that it would work.

Ms. Scanlan explained that staff has not received any response from the Women's Music Festival regarding their lease for off-season use of Camp Mather. Since Section 22 dovetails both the Strawberry Music Festival and Women's Music Festival leases, staff planned to hold the lease, until the Women's Music Festival has responded to the draft lease, up to four weeks.

President O'Connor asked that the Women's Music Festival lease be calendared no later than the January Commission meeting.

On recommendation of the Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Guggenhime, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15862

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Camp Mather lease for Strawberry Music, Inc., for the Spring Festival Event and Fall Festival Event, subject to technical modifications.

11. **DESERT LAKE DEVELOPMENT**
LAKE MERCED BOATHOUSE
RENT CREDIT

Approval of a rent credit in the amount not to exceed $20,000, to Desert Lake Development for asbestos work done at the Lake Merced Boathouse building.

Director of Property Management, Lucinda Pope Scanlan, explained that in the course of some plumbing work being performed in the Lake Merced boathouse building, the contractor disturbed some asbestos pipe creating airborne particulate matter containing asbestos. The Health Department assessed the damage and discovered that in the two adjacent bays there was significant similar problems which were the Department's responsibility. The Health Department and Recreation and Park

11. **DESERT LAKE DEVELOPMENT**
LAKE MERCED BOATHOUSE
RENT CREDIT (Continued)

Statement of Ms. Scanlan (Continued)

Department's Safety Officer have advised that this work must be done. The tenant has agreed to hire a toxic clean-up specialist and a toxic clean-up consultant to perform the work. The Boathouse operator, Joe Fernando, has agreed to pay the asbestos contractor to perform all of the required work. The Department's responsibility will cost approximately $23,000 and will have to be reimbursed to the tenant in the form of rent credits. She asked that the Commission approve a rent credit up to a maximum of $24,000 for this needed repair work.

In response to Vice President Eickman's question, Ms. Scanlan stated that it will take 4-5 months to pay back the rent credit.

On motion of Commissioner McAteer, seconded by Commissioner Orr, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15863

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the rent credit to Row Row Row Your Boat/Desert Lake Development in an amount equal to the Department's share of the asbestos clean up work at the Lake Merced Boathouse, but not to exceed $24,000.

12. **PON AND HOM CONCESSIONAIRE**
REGGAE FESTIVAL
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Ratification of proposed settlement agreement with Pon and Hom regarding Reggae Festival.

Note: This item was removed from the Calendar.

3:20 p.m. to 3:55 p.m. the Commission recessed.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS - 4:00 p.m.
Item #13 was be heard at this time.

13. RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT
REVENUE PROJECTION

Discussion on estimated 1991-92 revenues and the impact on Recreation and Park Department programs of these revenue estimates.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that last year concern was expressed by members of the public that the budget process had not been done openly. Part of this problem was the timing of the budget process and the attempt to get a firm fix on the City's revenue picture. Therefore, staff decided this year to give a presentation on the Department's revenue picture. She felt that the Department will face a very grim budget because of declining City revenues. The Department has cut all of the "fat" from the budget and has cut a number of filled positions. The Department is in its eighth year of a 30-40 year reforestation effort that is complicated significantly now because of the drought. There are long waiting lists of children wanting to be enrolled in the afterschool program. The Department has not been able to fund the expansion of the Teen Program and has cut out most of its equipment budget. Fees and charges have been raised and she did not want to raise them to the point of pricing the Department "out of the market".

She explained that the passage of Proposition D (Police and Fire Binding Arbitration) will have serious implications on the City's budget. The AIDS crisis and homeless problems are still of great concern. She stated that the Department is now in a situation where it is not able to respond to legitimate needs of the public. She has been in contact with the League of California Cities and received a series of articles on what other cities are doing in terms of additional funding strategies including assessment districts, parcel tax, and park and street maintenance. She intends to put together a series of focus groups comprised of interested clients of the Department, the business community, and Mayor's office to see if additional ways can be found to be able to offer the same level of service.

Susan Andrus, the Mayor's budget analyst, explained that she did not have specific revenue projections at this time and did not expect to have solid projections until March, 1991. She discussed the uncertainties facing the City as a result of the downturn in the economy and the fiscal problems at both the State and Federal levels. She noted that the recession will have a profound impact on the City's revenues and the continuing problems at the State and Federal levels will further reduce the amount of outside assistance the City receives. There are other factors that will raise the City's costs including the salary standardization process which mandates the salaries of City employees. Also, the revenues from Hetch Hetchy may be less because of the drought.

Ms. Andrus explained that all these issues make it unlikely that the City will be able to continue the current level of services. She stated that the forthcoming Mayor's budget instructions do not request any particular targets but will not consider any requests for funding additional programs, expanding existing programs, or upgrading positions. Any requests for changes in existing programs will only be considered if the Department can demonstrate that existing revenues can be reallocated, or restructured. She finally stated that while it is too early to predict the extent of budget deficit facing the City, it is clear that next year's budget will be difficult. She urged the Commission to rethink its priorities and to consider potential programs that can be eliminated.

13. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
REVENUE PROJECTION (Continued)

Assistant General Manager for Finance and Property, Ernie Prindle, outlined the estimated fund balances in the Department's various funds for the current fiscal year. These figures are early projections and could change. Mr. Prindle outlined the funds that finance the major portion of the Department. He explained that the Department does not control the General Fund allocation and that the allocation has been less in the last years. He further explained that the Special Revenue Fund includes all fees and charges derived from Camp Mather, Recreation Division, parking garages, leases, golf courses, Zoo, etc. Open Space, Yacht Harbor and Candlestick Funds are healthy and the Special Revenue Fund is problematic as it is conditioned on factors such as a heavy rainfall which could impact golf and Zoo fees.

1990-91
Recreation and Park Department
Estimated Fund Balance Comparison
(In Thousands)

	OPEN SPACE FUND	CANDLESTICK FUND	YACHT HARBOR FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
Balance (7/1/90)	$ 6,884	$ 2,592	$ 244	$ 845
Revenues	14,372	11,136	1,301	15,933
		(888)	(20)	(442)
Operating Exp.	(8,256)	(5,714)	(1,089)	(8,676)
Capital	(6,085)	(4,710)	(300)	(485)
Transfers		(1,000)		(6,865)
Est. Balance (6/30/91)	$ 6,915	$1,416	$ 136	$ 310
Est. Revenue 91-92	14,372	11,136	1,301	15,317
Est. Uses 91-92	(14,341)	(11,424)	(1,389)	(16,026)
Est. Balance (6/30/92)	$ 6,946	$ 1,128	$48	($225)

Mr. Prindle then outlined in detail the Special Revenue Funds

Special Revenue Fund

Recreation Division	$ 148,000
Admissions (including Coit Tower, Japanese Tea Garden Conservatory of Flowers, Carrousel)	(446,000)
Rentals	(65,000)
Leases	(42,000)
Parking Garages	(215,000)
Camp Mather	24,000
Golf	327,000
Zoo	(173,000)
	$(442,000)

13. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
REVENUE PROJECTION (Continued)

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that the Department will not know the status of the Revenue Fund until March of next year. He has asked the Department's Program Managers to prepare budgets that live within their current needs and if they want new programs to show how they can be funded by reducing or eliminating existing programs. He has also asked the Program Managers to identify some potential reductions and to identify high priority programs. The Department wanted some direction from the Commission as was given in the past. Last year the Commission established 3 priorities: (a) preserve children's programs, (b) maintain maintenance level in Golden Gate Park and (c) enhance the Zoo. The Commission will be requested at a future meeting to approve goals and objectives (priorities) for next fiscal year to help prepare the budget.

In response to Commissioner Orr's question regarding the marketing concession at Union Square, Ms. Burns explained that the Department has been asked to not pursue this venture.

Mr. Arnold noted that the Department's support groups came up with good ideas and he plans to solicit their input and to include them in the budget planning process.

14. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission. Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President or the Commission may limit the total testimony to 30 minutes.

Harold Arndt, from the Golden Gate Park Senior Center, explained that the 700+ members have now been given a rotating custodian rather than a full time custodian. He asked the Commission to consider funding a full time custodian position for the Golden Gate Park Senior Center. He explained that the restrooms are in sad condition and that there is a need for a full time custodian at the Center. He urged the Commission to fund a full time custodian for this active center.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that the deletion of the full time custodian position was done as a result of a budgetary cutback. The Department does not have funding for a full time custodian position.

15. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President O'Connor explained that she attended the Open Space Program tour and felt the tour was very informative. Commissioner Orr further noted that the tour was very educational and that members of the Open Space Advisory Committee appreciated the Commissioners attendance at the tour.

16. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following Commission Committee reports were submitted for the record:

Joint Zoo Committee Meeting of October 3, 1990
Parks and Planning Committee Meeting of November 1, 1990
Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee Meeting of November 1, 1990
Golden Gate Park Committee Meeting of November 14, 1990

17. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of President O'Connor the meeting was adjourned in memory of Jim Foster, who passed away on October 31, 1990, a long time Democratic activist, leader in the gay community and a member of the San Francisco Health Commission.

On motion of Commissioner Eickman, the meeting was adjourned with best wishes for a speedy recovery to Phil Thompsen, Pesticide Spray Applicator, who recently suffered a stroke.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, the meeting was adjourned with best wishes for a speedy recovery to Don Franklin, a Recreation Satelite Supervisor for the Recreation and Park Department, who recently suffered a stroke.

On motion of Commissioner Orr, the meeting was adjourned with best wishes for a speedy recovery to Vince Guerena, a plumber for the Recreation and Park Department, who recently suffered a heart attack.

On motion of Commissioner McAteer, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Elise Haas.

There being no further business, the 653rd Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

Note: These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Recreation and Park Commission on matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological order in which the matters were taken up.

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RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

MINUTES

654TH REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1990 - 2:00 P.M.

The Six Hundred and Fifty-Fourth Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was called to order on Thursday, December 20, 1990, at 2:00 p.m. by President Connie O'Connor.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:
Commissioner Connie O'Connor, President
Commissioner Keith Eickman, Vice President
Commissioner Richard J. Guggenhime
Commissioner Frances McAteer
Commissioner Trent Orr
Commissioner Santiago Ruiz

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner McAteer, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 15, 1990, were approved as presented.

3. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Mary E. Burns submitted the following report:

"COMMENDATION

Today we have with us Dennis Ratz, a department employee assigned to the Marina Yacht Harbor. At approximately 6:00 a.m. on November 6th, Dennis discovered a woman lying on the rocks near Gate #33 in the Marina. The woman, whose hands were tied behind her back, was unconscious and suffering from exposure to the cold. Assisted by another individual, Dennis took appropriate life-saving measures, determined her condition to be stable, and called 911 for assistance. Please join me in commending Dennis on his prompt and professional response to this emergency.

INFECTION CONTROL PROGRAM

On December 19, at the County Fair Building, a meeting with Department supervisors was held to introduce an Infection Control Program which establishes guidelines and procedures to ensure proper management of occupational exposures to blood and other infectious materials. This program, the first of its kind in the nation for employees who are not health workers, is based on standards issued by the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). The Department will begin the implementation of this "head start" program by distributing and ensuring return of questionnaires to be completed by all employees in order to identify those who are potentially at risk of infection exposure.

The Zoo is not included, as a separate program must be prepared to address its unique and diverse infection control requirements.

PRESIDIO TOUR

On January 9, 1991, beginning at 1:00 p.m. the Department is scheduled to tour the Presidio. This tour will be led by Brian O'Neill, Superintendent, Golden Gate National Recreation Area. A bus will pick us up outside the Lodge, go to the Presidio for the tour, and return at approximately 3:15 p.m. At that time the group will meet in our Commission Room for a wrapup session. The bus can accommodate 29 people. Please let the Commission Secretary know if you will attend if you have not already done so.

VISIT BY NEW YORK CITY RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONER

On Friday, December 14, Joel Robinson, Nan Neal and I had the pleasure of a visit with Betsy Gotbaum, my counterpart at the New York City Recreation and Park Department. Ms. Gotbaum was particularly interested in visiting the 6th and Folsom Recreation Center and Mission Recreation Center. She was extremely impressed with the 6th and Folsom facility, noting that New York City had nothing at all to compare with our new recreation center. She also expressed interest in our Open Space Program, again stating that New York had nothing similar. Unfortunately, her visit was cut short due to the fact that just before arriving at McLaren Lodge she received the news that her budget was being cut from $170 million to $40 million for fiscal year 1991-92. Ms. Gotbaum was provided with a complete package of information on all aspects of the Department for her information and review.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

EXHIBITION AT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

The exhibition, "20th Century Folk Art from the Carrousel, the Carnival and the Amusement Park," is now installed in the North Terminal Connector Gallery at the San Francisco International Airport. Two carousel horses from my office were loaned for this exhibit and are on display as part of the exhibition. If you have occasion to be at the airport and wish to visit the display, the exhibit will be on until March of 1991.

EMERGENCY WATER SAFETY COURSE

The Recreation and Park Department has been certified to instruct a course in emergency water safety. This course, given by the Aquatics Division, is designed for individuals in the areas of recreation, education, public safety and industry who want to know how to respond in an aquatic emergency. Instruction will be held at Garfield Pool on December 27 and 28 and January 3 and 4, 1991. In February, 1991 a water safety instructor course will be given, with current certification in emergency water safety or lifeguard training as one of the pre-requisites.

ASIAN ELEPHANT EXHIBIT

The renovation of the Asian Elephant Exhibit is nearly complete and the opening is scheduled for Thursday, January 10 at 9:00 a.m. This Commission as well as major donors and City Hall Officials are cordially invited to attend this very special event.

TENDERLOIN PLAYGROUND AND RECREATION CENTER

The removal of the gasoline storage tanks at the 570 Ellis Street site is underway. Demolition of the garage is scheduled for mid-January. After a series of community meetings, a consensus for the design was reached at the December public meeting at the Tenderloin Center (St. Boniface Church). It was also unanimously agreed at that meeting that the project be done in one phase rather than construct the playground portion and recreation center under a two-phase approach. As this project is a top priority for the Mayor's Office as well as the community, both this department and the Department of Public Works will attempt to expedite the development process and have the project completed by the summer of 1992. The design will come before the Commission in January.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

The annual Christmas Celebration at Children's Playground scheduled for December 15 was postponed because of rain. It has been rescheduled for Saturday, December 22 at 12 noon. Activities will include games, prizes, craft activity, and a visit from Santa. It is hoped that the weather will not be a factor, but if it is, the festivities will take place indoors.

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

HOLIDAY EVENTS (Continued)

The Drama and Dance Division's Annual Christmas Revue was held at Presidio Middle School on Saturday, December 15. The middle school was chosen because the Department had no facility available to accommodate the expected attendance. Staff estimates that over 800 enthusiastic parents and friends cheered the performances that ranged from "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" to Janet Jackson's Rhythm Nation. All the youth who performed were participants in our Recreation Music Programs from through the City. The Recreation Directors and Drama and Dance staff should be commended for such an excellent program.

HOLIDAY MAGIC AT THE SAN FRANCISCO ZOO

Last Saturday, December 15, "Holiday Magic" was held at the San Francisco Zoo. This was an all-day event beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 5:00 p.m. Zoo animals received their holiday treats; children had a "snow day" on the playfield lawn with ski instructors from Mt. Reba/Bear Valley Ski Resort; pictures were taken with Santa and Rudolph; magic tricks happened at the Zoo Terrace Cafe; and Holiday singing at the Primate Discovery Center, the South Gate, and Mother's Building. Despite the rain, attendance numbered approximately 600.

RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT MONTHLY CLAIMS SETTLEMENT REPORT

The following are claims under $5,000 settled by the City Attorney's Office for the month of November, 1990:

Claimant	Amount
Yee	$ 935.72
Kamangar	1,303.42
Conservatory Gift Shop	2,200.00
Patel	70.00
Pon	2,369.27
Murphy	100.00
Park	570.13
Sass	333.99
Saffell	107.33
Morton	343.01

RETIREMENTS

J. D. Jones	3418 Asst. Sup. Gardener	33 years

3. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Continued)**

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, December 25	Christmas Day Holiday
Tuesday, January 1, 1991	New Year's Day Holiday
Thursday, January 3, 1991	Parks & Planning Committee 9:00 a.m., McLaren Lodge
Thursday, January 3, 1991	Swearing in of Sidney Chan, (new Recreation and Park Commissioner), 3:30 p.m., Mayor's Office, Room 200 City Hall
Thursday, January 3, 1991	Joint Zoo Committee S.F. Zoo, 5:00 p.m. (meeting)
Monday, January 7, 1991	Golden Gate Park Committee 3:00 p.m. (tour), 4:00 p.m. ,(meeting)
Tuesday, January 8, 1991	Finance & Yacht Harbor Committee 4:00 p.m., McLaren Lodge"

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Recreation and Park Commission and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

On motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, ratification of the following resolutions, which are processed under Resolution No. 13572:

a. **Personnel Matters** — **RES. NO. 15864**

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the actions taken by the General Manager regarding personnel matters during the period November 5, 1990 through December 5, 1990.

b. **"BUY RECYCLED PRODUCTS FAIR" MULTIPLE DAY EVENT** — **RES. NO. 15865**

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Eastwood-Rafter Productions to hold a three-day event, "Buy Recycled Products Fair," on Earthday weekend, April 20-22, 1991, at Justin Herman Plaza.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

c. GOLDEN GATE PARK — RES. NO. 15866
GOLDEN GATE PARK CHRISTMAS CLASSIC ROLLERSKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS
ROAD CLOSURE

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the request for road closure at the intersection where Stow Lake Drive intersects with King Drive on Sunday, December 16, 1990, for the "Golden Gate Park Christmas Classic Rollerskating Championships" sponsored by the Golden Gate Park Skate Patrol/Explorer Post #582.

d. KEZAR STADIUM — RES. NO. 15867
MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves increasing the Kezar Stadium project contingency to Amoroso/Varrett Construction in the amount of $484,000 from unassigned park improvement bond funds to complete additional work requested and address potential claims.

e. PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT — RES. NO. 15868
GLEN CANYON PARK

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a personal services contract with WESCO to conduct a natural resource inventory for Glen Canyon Park.

f. PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT — RES. NO. 15869
SAN FRANCISCO LEAGUE OF URBAN GARDENERS (SLUG)

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves Approval of ongoing personal services contract with San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners (SLUG) to provide assistance with various community gardens.

g. ST. MARY'S GARAGE — RES. NO. 15870
SUBLEASE AND AMENDMENT TO LEASE

RESOLVED, That this Commission consents to sublease a portion of St. Mary's Square Parking Garage for drop off/pickup for a laundry and dry cleaning service and approval of the Fifth Amendment of St. Mary's Square Parking Garage Lease.

h. GRATTAN PLAYGROUND — RES. NO. 15871
CHANGE OF FIELD USE

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the conversion of Grattan Playground baseball field to a multipurpose soccer/rugby field.

GENERAL CALENDAR

5. SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS

Assistant Zoo Director, David Robinett, explained the animal transactions: the mountain goats were considered surplus to the Zoo's needs; the spider monkey exhibit is being cleared and these animals will be placed in a facility in Arizona; the water buffalo were sold to an animal dealer; the capybara was traded for the prairie dogs.

President O'Connor asked if the spider monkey transaction will deplete the Zoo's spider monkey collection. Mr. Robinett explained that the Zoo still has six spider monkeys which are now scheduled to be sent to San Antonio Texas. Upon completion of that transaction, staff hopes to renovate the monkey island with plantings if funding can be obtained.

On motion of Commissioner McAteer, seconded by Commissioner Orr, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15872

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the following animal transactions (which were processed under Resolution No. 13572) for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens:

SOLD TO:

Safari West
3115 Porter Creek Road
Santa Rosa, CA 95404
USDA #93-C-93

Three (3) Rocky Mountain Goats, valued at $1,000 for the group. Payment to be made to the Animal Purchase Account

SOLD TO:

Wildlife World Zoo
16501 West Northern Avenue
Litchfield Park, AZ 85340
USDA #86-C-22

Two (2) Spider Monkeys, valued at $25.00 each; total purchase price of $50.00. Payment to be made to the Animal Purchase Account.

SOLD TO:

Northland Wildlife
2601 East Highway 169
Grand Rapids, MN 55709
USDA #41-B-101

Two (2) Asiatic Water Buffalo, valued at $2,000 each. Total purchase price of $4,000. Payment to be made to the Animal Purchase Account.

EXCHANGE:

Detroit Zoo
P. O. Box 39
Royal Oak, MI 46068
USDA #34-CE-12

One (1) Capybara, valued at $50.00. Payment to be debited from the Animal Purchase Account.

5. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**
ANIMAL TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

RES. NO. 15872
(Continued)

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the the following animal transaction (which was processed under Resolution No. 13572) for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens:

EXCHANGE:

Detroit Zoo
P. O. Box 39
Royal Oak, MI 46068
USDA #34-CE-12

Six (6) Prairie Dogs, valued at $50.00. Payment to be credited to the Animal Purchase Account.

6. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**
SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Acceptance of San Francisco Zoological Society's audited financial statements for the year ending 6/30/90.

Assistant Zoo Director, David Robinett, explained that the San Francisco Zoological Society is required to submit its audited financial statements to the Commission each year.

San Francisco Zoological Society Executive Director, Margaret Burks, explained that the 10/17/89 earthquake impacted Zoo attendance and depleted contributions which normally would have gone to the Zoo. The Society's endowment fund received a major gift this year. She further explained that the Zoological Society allocates more than half of its budget for operating costs, education, and marketing on behalf of the Zoo.

Commissioner Guggenhime noted that the San Francisco Zoological Society has been operating on a month-to-month agreement with the Department for some time.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, explained that staff hoped to have a lease in place shortly. Since this lease is not considered a major source of revenue for the Department, other priorities, such as the Beach Chalet project, have taken precedent over this lease document.

On recommendation of the Joint Zoo Committee, and on motion of Commissioner McAteer, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15873

RESOLVED, That this Commission accepts the San Francisco Zoological Society's audited financial statements for the year ending 6/30/90.

7. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**
SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY
OPERATING BUDGET

Acceptance of San Francisco Zoological Society's operating budget for the year ending 6/30/91.

San Francisco Zoological Society Executive Director, Margaret Burks, explained that the Society is required to submit its budget to the Commission. This budget reflects the operating income and expenditures but not the capital fund raising program. The Zoological Society hopes to raise $26 Million through the private sector, over a three-year period, to help support the recently passed Zoo bond.

In response to Commissioner McAteer's question, Ms. Burks explained that the membership drive and renewal rate has been very constant.

On recommendation of the Joint Zoo Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Guggenhime, seconded by Commissioner McAteer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15874

RESOLVED, That this Commission accepts the San Francisco Zoological Society's operating budget for the year ending 6/30/91.

8. **SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS**
PROPOSITION "A" BOND FUNDS

Approval to fund a 1446 Secretary II position for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens from Proposition "A" Bond funds.

Assistant Zoo Director, David Robinett, explained that the Zoo is very fortunate to be the recipient of $26 Million to repair and replace the infrastructure at the Zoo. The Commission approved the Assistant Director of Zoo Operations for Capital Development position to implement this massive construction project and it is requested that funds be appropriated to also hire secretarial support. This position will assist the administration of this project.

Vice President Eickman explained that this clerical position is very important since there is currently only one secretarial position at the Zoo and if she is ill or on vacation there is no clerical support. It is also vital to have a secretary to assist in the implementation of the $26 Million project at the Zoo.

On recommendation of the Joint Zoo Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Ruiz, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15875

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves funds for a 1446 Secretary II position for the San Francisco Zoological Gardens from Proposition "A" 1990 Bond funds.

9. **DOLPHIN CLUB/SOUTH END ROWING CLUB**
REVISION OF PUBLIC ACCESS POLICY
REVISION OF PUBLIC ACCESS FEE

Approval of revision of public access policy and approval of public access fee for the Dolphin Club and South End Rowing Clubs.

Director of Property Management, Lucinda Pope Scanlan, explained that the leases for the Dolphin and South End Clubs were executed in 1979 and contain a public access provision. The public access provisions were to be revisited from time to time according to the Commission resolution to ensure that the public's needs were met. The policy was reviewed in 1983 and in 1987. Last Winter, staff began to review the public access policy. The inquiry process included two public meetings, held on 7/16/90 and 9/17/90, which were well attended. Staff has reviewed individual access, group access and fees for the clubs.

Individual Public Access In response to comments made at the two public hearings staff recommended continuing the current set of public hours but to broaden the evening hours. Staff recommended that the winter hours be Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm with the two clubs alternating public days and that during Daylight Savings Time the public hours be shifted from 11:30 am to 6:30 pm so that members of the public have the opportunity to use the clubs after working hours.

Fees Staff received a request from the Dolphin Club to increase the day use fee from $5.00 to $14.00 a day. The fee has not been adjusted since 1983. Staff felt this proposed increase was too high. Staff confirmed the original intent of the Commission policy: that the day use program ought to be subsidized by the clubs' membership dues and be affordable. Therefore, staff recommended that the day use fee be increased to $6.50 effective 1/1/91 which represents a cost of living adjustment from the date the 1983 fee was set. Staff also recommended that the day use fee be reviewed every second year in January and that the fee should be adjusted to reflect the increase in the cost of living during the preceding two year period. Bouth clubs have agreed to the fee proposal.

Group Public Access The existing policy did not address group public access. Rather, the policy stated that there should be public access which has always been interpreted as access by individuals to use of the club's facilities. Last year the question was raised as to whether or not non-member groups ought to have the right to conduct events and use the club's facilities, completely separate from events sponsored by the South End and/or Dolphin Clubs. Accordingly, staff began its review on this matter last year and has consulted with the City Attorney, the City's Risk Manager, Coast Guard, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Bay Conservation and Development Commission, and other jurisdictions which conduct open water events. During the review process, staff became convinced that open water events are extremely dangerous and that it was necessary to have a group of people with both experience and expertise in open water events to evaluate and judge whether a particular event should take place. There is also a liability issue to consider since both of these clubs rent from the City and are required to provide insurance and to indemnify the City.

**9. DOLPHIN CLUB/SOUTH END ROWING CLUB
REVISION OF PUBLIC ACCESS POLICY
REVISION OF PUBLIC ACCESS FEE (Continued)**

Staff recommended that:

°the sponsorship of one or the other clubs should be a pre-requisite for conduct of events,
°that procedures and objective criteria for selecting events for sponsorship should be developed by the clubs and submitted to staff within 90 days
°that these procedures and objective criteria shall be subject to negotiation with staff and shall be finally reviewed and approved by the Commission.

In response to Commissioner Guggenhime's question, Ms. Scanlan explained that the Commission will ultimately be responsible to approve the criteria.

Vice President Eickman stated that if a particular group did not want to go through the evaluation process with either the South End or Dolphin Club they could use the Aquatic Park facilities.

Ms. Scanlan has consulted with the Coast Guard and the Bay Conservation and Development Commission on how to establish the criteria for club sponsorship of events and both of these agencies have agreed to participate in this process. Staff intends to seek established objective criteria that can be included in the new rules and hopes to develop criteria to qualify swimmers for Aquatic Park events other than those swimmers who are already members of the clubs.

Commissioner Orr explained that there was discussion at the Committee meeting to extend public access every day of the week at one of the clubs.

Ms. Scanlan explained that this issue was discussed at the public hearings and that one or two speakers expressed their desire to use either of the clubs in the evening hours, but that there were no request for additional public days.

Commissioner Orr felt the Commission should review the specific criteria and that there needed to be a mechanism for non-members to participate in events.

Ms. Scanlan explained that both clubs have presented arguments on why they require membership for event participation: it gives them an opportunity to get to know the swimmer, to see the swimmer's strength, ability, and endurance. Both clubs require swimmers to swim inside the cove for a certain amount of time before one is allowed to participate in any out-of-cove events. She further noted that staff is going to vigorously seek other criteria that can be used to qualify swimmers for events.

Commissioner Orr further explained his opinion that when the criteria is in place the Commission should be the final appelate body for group public access requests.

9. **DOLPHIN CLUB/SOUTH END ROWING CLUB**
REVISION OF PUBLIC ACCESS POLICY
REVISION OF PUBLIC ACCESS FEE (Continued)

Dore Schwab, Jr, representing the Pacific Masters Swim, explained that this organization has 6000 members locally, 30,000 members nationwide, and is very knowledgeable about pool and ocean swims. This organization offers two official publications and a rule book which is updated every year based on experience gained from swims. He was concerned about group access because open water swims are growing in popularity and felt that the Pacific Masters Swim sanctioning process is more stringent with better safety standards. He felt that any group that could meet their criteria should be allowed to sponsor a swim and use the City owned facilities at Aquatic Park. He further stated that the Federal Aquatic Park facilities are inadequate.

Ray Taft, a member of the Pacific Master Swim Team, explained that every time a swimmer participates in a 2-5 mile swim in open water, they are subject to the natural dangers - currents, temperature and exposure. It is very important to consider the type of facilities available before and after such swims. He urged that the Pacific Masters Swim guidelines should be included in developing the proposed criteria.

Jenny Church, read a statement on behalf of Zada Taft, who has been swimming in the Bay for a number of years. "The Point Bonita Swim is the best run swim ever. It is the safest we've ever witnessed. Each swimmer has its own pilot. Each swimmer was well qualified to make the swim and all starters finished this unique and exciting swim. Hopefully next year, 9/8/91, will have double the amount of swimmers. It's an exceptional challenge, a safe swim, very safe. Fun too. Think of the excitement of the swim coming from way outside the Gate on a fast flood and finishing in Aquatic Park. Wish I were 25 years younger. Swimmingly yours, Zada Taft."

Ms. Church explained that she also participated in the Point Bonita Swim and was impressed on how well organized it was and how safety was addressed by each swimmer having a pilot, an escort vessel and spotter whose only responsibility was to watch the swimmer at all times.

Mike Hresko, representing the Point Bonita Swim, participated as a pilot among vessels for the swim and felt the swim was done very safely. He further stated that as a member of the public and as a taxpayer he did not feel that one should have to join a private club in order to participate in a group swim event.

Elaine Cady, representing the Golden Gate Swimmers, presented an alternative proposal for consideration: (1) recognize the 30,000 member U. S. Master Swimming, Inc. as the greatest repository of open water swim expertise in the country; (2) recognize Pacific Masters Swimming as a significant local repository of open water swim expertise; (3) Refrain from adopting any policy which would discriminate against swimmers who live outside the Bay Area or who are not members of the Dolphin and/or South End Rowing Clubs. (4) Permit a swim group not sponsored by the Dolphin and/or South End Rowing Clubs to use the City's Aquatic Park facilities provided the swim group reserves one of the clubs at least one month before the event, the day use fee is paid, the swim group cleans up after itself and leaved the property as it was or pays cost plus 10% to have this done, and the event is sponsored and covered by insurance by a U. S. Masters Swim Team.

9. **DOLPHIN CLUB/SOUTH END ROWING CLUB**
REVISION OF PUBLIC ACCESS POLICY
REVISION OF PUBLIC ACCESS FEE (Continued)

Chris Glover, a member of the South End Rowing Club and an officer to the Point Bonita Swim, read the following statement: "I have been a member of the South End Rowing Club since 1989 and have participated in the rowing program and piloted for many of that club's organized and unorganized swims. By unorganized swims I refer to the daily event of "Sunrise Swimming". In the winter these swims are conducted in the dark, before sunrise, and outside the cove at Aquatic Park. I have also been involved with coordinating and operating the Point Bonita swims in 1989 and 1990."

"This entire issue on revising the Public Access Policy for the Dolphin and South End Rowing Clubs came about because of those clubs' high-handed tactics and discriminatory misconduct relating to the current Public Access Policy regarding the Point Bonita Swim. For your reference, the Point Bonita Swim is sanctioned by U.S. Masters Swimming and has been conducted now for three years. It is a 10 kilometer swim from Point Bonita Light House to Aquatic Park. It has had a maximum of 20 participants, some are handicapped and some are from outside the San Francisco Bay Area. Swimmers are accompanied by over 40 boats and are in the water between 1.5 and 3 hours. The swimmers, especially the handicapped, are tired and cold when they exit the water at Aquatic Park. The revisions, as proposed, do nothing to help the participants of the once a year Point Bonita Swim."

"It seems to be me that the San Francisco Recreation and Park Commission has listened to the over 1000 members of the two clubs who want business as usual rather than the collective voice of the 20 or so Point Bonita swimmers asking for public access to City property as expressed through the efforts of Diddo Clark. That's the politically right thing to do. But, why can't a small number of swimmers participating in the safest and grandest San Francisco Bay swim once per year use the City beach and warm up in facilities that are designed for taking care of cold swimmers?"

"The facilities at the South End Rowing Club have warmed up 60-70 swimmers after some of their larger events. Ten swimmers per hour from the Point Bonita Swim would not even be noticed. I urge this Commission to amend this proposal to give Point Bonita Swimmers public access to the warm-up facilities at the South End and/or Dolphin Rowing Clubs and have it scheduled on the club's calendars so conflicts do not occur. The date for the Point Bonita Swim is selected over one year in advance to take advantage of the best weather and tide conditions."

9. **DOLPHIN CLUB/SOUTH END ROWING CLUB**
REVISION OF PUBLIC ACCESS POLICY
REVISION OF PUBLIC ACCESS FEE (Continued)

Philip Fay, representing the South End Rowing Club, joined the South End Rowing Club in 1934 and read a statement from South End Board member Dan O'Neill: "I ran for the Board last year because the club has stood for 'advancement and enjoyment of rowing, swimming, and other aquatic sports in Aquatic Park and San Francisco Bay...' The club has a long tradition of hospitality. I just want to preserve these things for future generations. I ran because I was offended by club inhospitality toward the Point Bonita Swim. Giving Diddo Clark a hard time for organizing the Point Bonita Swim is out of character and not in harmony with the club's reason for existence. I was a Point Bonita swim pilot in 1988. In 1989, I was an observer on Swim Director Tony Ragusin's boat. I have been a Bay swimmer since 1933 and have swum in many Golden Gate crossings, Alcatraz to South End swims, etc., and I have yet to see a Bay swim conducted with greater regard for safety than I observed in the Point Bonita Swim."

Mr. Fay explained that he swam in open water in 1932 and 1933 and that they required each swimmer to have a pilot and rower. In 1932 there were 189 participants and 180 row boats.

Rich Warren, representing the Point Bonita Swim, urged the Commission to reject the proposal. He explained that Bay swimming will decline if the Commission accepted this proposal. He stated that swimmers come from long distances to swim in the Point Bonita Swim and to not allow them the warmth and comfort of the two Aquatic Park clubs is outrageous. He stated that the Aquatic Park facility is not a good substitute because it is cold and inhospitable. He stated that he could attest that the Point Bonita Swim is a very safe endeavor and urged that the swim be supported.

Diddo Clark, a member of the South End Rowing Club and President of the Point Bonita Swim, explained that although staff said that group access is not addressed in the current Commission policy she felt the policy requires that the two clubs establish a procedure whereby non-members may reserve use of the property upon request. She stated that both clubs have been violating this and other Commission Resolutions under the City lease. She felt it would be appropriate to require the clubs to conform their conduct to existing requirements rather than changing Commission requirements. She stated that some swimmers who participated in the most recent South End Rowing Club swim had not met any of the requirements for safe swim. She further stated that she participated in a South End Rowing Club swim in 1989 and felt threatened because she did not see a pilot boat in sight for her protection. She felt that the current staff proposal would discriminate against non-local swimmers and swimmers who are not members of the two clubs and it would be inappropriate to adopt the rules as proposed.

Commissioner Guggenhime stated that most of the testimony discussed the Point Bonita Swim and not the entire group public access policy. He thought perhaps a policy could be adopted which stated that in addition to those events sponsored by the two clubs there will be 3 unsponsored events which shall be certified by the Pacific Masters Swim organization.

9. **DOLPHIN CLUB/SOUTH END ROWING CLUB**
REVISION OF PUBLIC ACCESS POLICY
REVISION OF PUBLIC ACCESS FEE (Continued)

Commissioner Orr explained that the staff recommendation does not address the issue of whether or not non-members will be allowed to use the City's clubs. He did not think it was intended to say that one must be a member of the club to meet sponsorship criteria. He felt it was very important that when specific criteria is developed the Commission will review it. He further explained that passage of this policy would direct the clubs to develop a set of criteria. Details of the criteria for club sponsorship of proposed events will be reviewed by the Commission.

General Manager Mary E. Burns, explained that adoption of this Commission policy will allow the clubs, who have more expertise than the Department on open water swim events, to establish procedures and criteria for club sponsorship of events, whether the events are proposed by members or non-members of the clubs. In the course of developing this criteria Recreation and Park is telling both clubs that they cannot limit the criteria to existing events and/or events proposed by club members, and that it would like to see criteria which contain other mechanisms for qualifying swimmers to participate in events, other than club membership. Once the criteria is in place and approved by the Commission if someone applies for club sponsorship for an event and is denied, they can appeal it to the full Commission.

Commissioner Guggenhime suggested that staff would solicit input and advice from the Pacific Master Swim team in developing the criteria.

On recommendation of the Parks and Planning Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Orr, seconded by Commissioner Eickman, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15876

RESOLVED, That this Commission adopts the following policies for public access at the Dolphin Club and the South End Rowing Club at Aquatic Park:

- Day use by individuals shall be permitted Tuesday through Saturday, with the two clubs alternating public days, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm during Standard Time and 11:30 am - 6:30 pm during Daylight Time. The use of boats and other personal property belonging to the clubs is not included in the public access policy.

- Events other than those sponsored by the clubs shall not be conducted in club facilities. Club procedures and criteria for sponsorship of events shall be submitted in writing within ninety days and are subject to review and approval by the Recreation and Park Commission. Denial of club sponsorship for proposed events shall be appealable to the Recreation and Park Commission.

- Day use fees shall be increased to $6.50 effective January 1, 1991 and shall be changed/reviewed every two years thereafter to reflect any increases in the Consumer Price Index over the preceding two-year period.

10. **GOLDEN GATE PARK**
HAIGHT ASHBURY NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL RECYCLING CENTER

Approval of recycling Christmas trees at the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council Recycling Center in Golden Gate Park.

Director of Property Management, Lucinda Pope Scanlan, explained that a request was received from the San Francisco Recycling Program to conduct a Christmas tree recycling program at the Haight Ashbury Recycling Center, near Kezar Stadium. The program will run from 1/6/90 to 1/13/90. The trees will be collected inside the recycling center and arrangements have been made with Sunset Scavenger Company to pick up trees that are discarded when the Center is closed or after the program has ended. Last year when this program was conducted there were problems with Department staff having to remove trees after the program had ended.

On recommendation of the Golden Gate Park Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Orr, seconded by Commissioner McAteer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15877

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the recycling Christmas tree program at the Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council Recycling Center in Golden Gate Park.

11. **CANDLESTICK PARK**
PHASE SIX RENOVATIONS

Approval of Phase Six (6) renovation plans for Candlestick Park.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, outlined the Phase Six renovations for Candlestick Park which will cost approximately $3.5 Million and include:

°Rehabilitation of the original 55 (Phase I) suites
°Extensive waterproofing in the upper deck of the stadium
°Closing unnecessary vomitories to protect the luxury concourse
°Consolidation of the maintenance facilities. This will concentrate maintenance facilities into one area to provide for more efficient operations.
°Construction of a conference room, adjacent to the 49ers offices, with kitchen, restroom and offices.
°Replacement of lower concourse vomitories
°Replacement of floor and base tile in the promenade area.
°Placement of a second First Aid Station to be built on the upper concourse.
°Handicap restroom facilities (8)
°Complete renovations of the escalators
°Renovate the emergency electrical system
°develop an on-going established maintenance plan for Candlestick Park

On recommendation of the Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Guggenhime, seconded by Commissioner Eickman, the following resolution was adopted:

11. **CANDLESTICK PARK**
PHASE SIX RENOVATIONS (Continued)

RES. NO. 15878

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the Phase Six (6) renovation plans for Candlestick Park.

12. **CANDLESTICK PARK**
ADVERTISING PROGRAM

Conceptual approval of expansion of advertising program at Candlestick Park.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that under the terms of the Sony scoreboard agreement, advertising is sold at Candlestick Park to pay for the cost of the new scoreboard. Any revenue over $1 Million a year is split between Sony and the Department. The advertising panels on the upper deck, under the suite areas contains gaps. Staff met with Sony and Professional Sports Marketing, Inc., and asked that the advertising program be completed. The completion of the program will make the stadium look more attractive, will increase signage in the stadium and bring an additional $500,000 in revenue. The installation cost is $500,000 which means that the first year there will be no revenue. The package includes 10 advertising panels which rim the upper deck and will also include an advertising panel for the Department. There will also be 16 directional signs throughout the stadium and one marquee upon entering the stadium. Staff is also looking at the concept of placing advertising in the restrooms and the placement of drink holders in the stands.

Jim Moran, representing Professional Sports Marketing, Inc., explained that this program will generate additional revenue for the Department.

Commissioner Guggenhime asked if the revenue figures were based upon the Giants remaining at Candlestick Park. Mr. Moran explained that the revenue projections would be modified subject to the departure of the Giants.

Commissioner Ruiz asked if there were potential customers for the panels. He was also concerned that if there was a cluster of advertising panels it may appear to be conjested and thus more difficult to sell the space.

Mr. Moran explained that he had not made presentations on the panels but projected that he would sell the panels by the beginning of the 1991 baseball season. He stated that there was a need for more advertising space in the stadium.

Mr. Arnold explained that currently there are unfinished spaces and the advertising program is designed to leave some space in between the advertising panels.

12. **CANDLESTICK PARK**
ADVERTISING PROGRAM (Continued)

Commissioner Ruiz wondered if it would be better to solicit all of the customers and to hold off until all panels had been sold.

Mr. Moran explained there would be a loss of revenue to the Department if this was done.

On recommendation of the Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee, and on motion of Commissioner McAteer, seconded by Commissioner Guggenhime, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15879

RESOLVED, That this Commission conceptually approves the expansion of advertising program at Candlestick Park subject to review and approval by the City Attorney.

13. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
FREE ADMISSION POLICY

Approval of Free Admission Policy for Japanese Tea Garden, Coit Tower, Conservatory of Flowers and Children's Carrousel.

Assistant General Manager for Finance and Property, Ernie Prindle, explained that over the years the Commission has approved various free admission policies for Department facilities and that some of the policies conflict and cause confusion. Therefore, staff proposed one consistent free admission policy by rescinding previous resolutions and allowing free admissions for San Francisco school groups, both public and private of the 8th grade level and younger; San Francisco based youth or disabled groups; and Department sponsored groups. In addition, staff proposed that the City Guides, which is sponsored by the Friends of the Library be given 10 free admissions per week. This is being done as an in-kind service since City Guides advertises Coit Tower.

In response to Commissioner Orr's question, Mr. Prindle explained that the Department offers free admission on the first Wednesday of each month at the Japanese Tea Garden, Conservatory of Flowers, as well as the San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

On recommendation of the Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Orr, seconded by Commissioner Guggenhime, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15880

RESOLVED, That this Commission rescinds Resolution No. 13630 granting free admission to the Tea Garden to educational tour groups; rescinds Resolution No. 14198 granting free admission at Coit Tower to weekly guided tour groups; rescinds Resolution No. 14398 granting free admission at Coit Tower to all non-profit groups; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Commission does hereby approve free entry to Coit Tower, Conservatory of Flowers, the Japanese Tea Garden and the Carrousel for all San Francisco based and responsibly supervised groups of school children at the eighth grade level and under from both public and private schools, for San Francisco based and responsibly supervised groups of disabled persons in residential or day treatment, both public and private and all groups sponsored by the Recreation and

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(Continued)

- that the scheduling of free entries at Coit Tower, Conservatory of Flowers, and the Carrousel during the months of April and May shall be required to be scheduled one month prior to the anticipated visit;

- that scheduling of the free entry shall be subject to space availability and to the size of the group anticipated to visit;

- that the Department shall have the right to require specific levels of supervision for groups;

- that the right to free entry may be withheld from groups otherwise eligible because of the group's record of previous misconduct at a Department facility;

- that the first ten participants in Friends of the Library, City Guides weekly tours of Coit Tower shall receive free admission to Coit Tower in consideration of the promotion of Coit Tower by City Guides and because City Guides tours regularly generate admission revenues to this Department in excess of the value of the free admissions granted under this resolution to City Guides tour participants.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such free entry shall be requested in advance by such eligible groups in the form of a letter on letterhead stationery, the original of which shall be submitted to the Finance Division. Said letter shall designate the day of the anticipated visit, the number of participants in the group making the visit, the number of adult supervisors who will be present and a name and telephone number so that the trip organizer may be contacted. A copy of this letter shall be presented to the admissions staff on the day of the event by the trip organizer. A record of the number of free admissions, including an enumeration of the adult supervisors of each group shall be recorded in the Department's daily report of cash receipts by admissions staff and an annual report of free admissions shall be submitted to the Commission for its review.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Commission acknowledges that free entry shall be allowed at the San Francisco Zoological Gardens to members of the San Francisco Zoological Society, free entry to the Japanese Tea Garden to members of Friends of Recreation and Parks, and free entry to the Conservatory of Flowers to members of the Conservatory Auxiliary when members of these organizations show their membership cards at the point of entry.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in order to facilitate the orderly and timely progress of paying tour groups visiting departmental concessions within their necessarily limited time frames, the courtesy of free entry shall be offered to the tour guide and/or the tour bus driver who enter Coit Tower, the Conservatory of Flowers, the Japanese Tea Garden or the Carrousel with the stipulation that these individuals shall offer identification as to their affiliation with the tour group upon the request of admission staff.

14. GOLF COURSES
AMENDMENT TO THE TOURNAMENT POLICY

Approval to amend the golf course tournament requirement that tournament green fees shall be due 21 days in advance rather than 10 days in advance.

Golf Director, Robert Killian, explained the Commission adopted a golf course tournament policy in June of this year. The lessee has asked that the policy be amended to require that tournament green fees be paid 21 days in advance rather than 10 days in advance. There have been instances where checks have not cleared the bank until after the tournament date and some of those checks have bounced.

On recommendation of the Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Guggenhime, seconded by Commissioner Eickman, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15881

RESOLVED, That this Commission hereby amends the golf course tournament requirement to provide that tournament green fees shall be due 21 days in advance rather than 10 days in advance.

15. CITY GOLF TOURNAMENT
MANDATORY GOLF CART REQUIREMENT

Approval of exception to Recreation and Park Commission Tournament Policy for Commission sponsored civic tournaments relating to mandatory golf cart requirement.

Golf Director, Robert Killian, explained a request was received to waive the mandatory golf cart requirement for the City Golf Tournament. The City Tournament is the largest and most highly publicized amateur event in Northern California. The golf cart requirement could reduce participation and/or disadvantage the image of the 75th year of this tournament. Staff recommended that the City Golf tournament be exempted.

President O'Connor reminded those who wished to address the Commission on this matter that the only item before the Commission was an exemption for the City Golf Tournament from the golf cart requirement. She further explained that the Commission will review the entire golf tournament policy in July of next year.

Norma Ensner, referred to a letter written by the General Manager on 10/24/90 which stated, that it is difficult to justify tournament "A" having to take carts when Tournament "B" does not have to take carts. Ms. Ensner agreed that the City Golf Tournament is quite prestigious and a tradition but she felt there were other traditions being destroyed by the mandatory golf cart requirement.

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MANDATORY GOLF CART REQUIREMENT (Continued)

David Evans, Co-Chair of the 1990 Mayor's Cup Golf Tournament, stated the golf cart requirement for the City Tournament should be exempted. He explained that February and March are traditionally wet months and the use of carts during rainy weather damages the course. He further stated that the mandatory golf carts requirement slows play rather than speeding up play. He explained that the golf cart requirement eliminates many of the health benefits associated with a round of golf and the Commission's role is to foster recreation. He also explained that increased revenues could be realized through other means rather than the golf cart requirement.

Charles Rambo, explained that the City should redefine its purpose and decide whether the game of golf is for recreation and exercise or to make money. He felt that if the golf cart requirement was to generate revenue there were other ways to reach this goal. He stated that the fairways are so thin that golf carts increase wear on the greens and that golf carts increase the length of tournaments.

Kevin Thomas, displayed pictures of Harding Park, and explained that he has been playing San Francisco golf courses for 30 years. He represented, unofficially, a large group of San Francisco golfers, who are concerned about the conditions of the deteriorating fairways. He stated that the golf courses are in poor condition although staff was doing as good a job as they could within their budget means. He stated that the best solution would be to run a golf cart path all the way from the tee to the green and insist that the players keep their carts on those paths. He stated that golf carts will cause damage to the fairways and thus increase costs. He explained that if the Department needed revenue it should increase green fees.

Jeff Wilson, representing CCA Silband Golf Corp., the operator of Harding and Lincoln Park, stated that the cost of the City tournament is $15.00 per player which includes the cart fee. He wanted the Commission to be aware that, as a concessionaire, there is a tremendous loss of revenue during the City tournament. He explained that the golf carts represent a tremendous investment of over $450,000.

President O'Connor asked if there is a time when golf carts are not allowed on the course.

Mr. Wilson explained that, at the direction of staff, carts can be restricted. He further explained that many golfers have pointed the finger at his firm saying that the mandatory golf cart proposal came from his firm. He clarified the point that the proposal was made by Department staff. He found it difficult to understand that the Commission was considering overturning this decision.

In response to Commissioner Guggenhime's questions, Mr. Wilson explained that he keeps 80 carts at Harding Park and 65 at Lincoln Park and that he did not purchase additional carts to administer the mandatory golf cart policy.

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MANDATORY GOLF CART REQUIREMENT (Continued)

B. A. Brooks, commented on the whole concept of exemptions. He felt if the Commission adopts a policy, it should be applied universally to everyone. The idea of exempting one group and not the others did not make a great deal of sense. He stated that if the City really needs more money it would be much easier to increase golf fees.

President O'Connor asked staff to review the golf fees.

Tom Culligan, spoke in opposition to the mandatory golf cart requirement and stated that his only interest as sponsor of the City Tournament is to ensure the success and integrity of the tournament. He was adamantly opposed to this rule. He explained that he received many inquiries opposing this requirement and that the integrity of the tournament should be protected because of its importance to the community. He stated that there was no proof that carts speed up play and that golf carts harm the condition of the course. The City Tournament is not a profit making venture and that this rules could be interpreted as a form of prejudice.

Wade Aubry, M.D., a physician who has played golf for 25 years, discussed his interest in the subject of walking and playing golf. He explained that walking is a fundamental tradition in golf and an integral part of the game. Golf is a better game when played walking. He further explained that there are substantial health benefits that can be derived by walking. He stated that in the last few years there has been substantial medical studies which show that walking on a regular basis is beneficial. He referenced an article he wrote which cited medical studies stating that regular walking reduced the risk of death, reduced risk of heart disease. He thought the Commission would want to promote healthy activities and encourage it rather than discourage it. He was in favor of the exemption for the City Tournament.

On motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner McAteer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15882

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves an exception to Recreation and Park Commission Tournament Policy for Commission sponsored civic tournaments relating to mandatory golf cart requirement.

3:30 p.m. - 3:50 p.m. The Commission convened in Executive Session to discuss Items 16 and 16a pursuant to Section 54956.9 of the California Government Code.

16. **PON AND HOM CONCESSIONAIRE**
REGGAE FESTIVAL
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

On motion of Commissioner Guggenhime, seconded by Commissioner Orr, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15883

RESOLVED, That this Commission ratifies the proposed settlement agreement with Pon and Hom regarding Reggae Festival.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Commission approves a standby resolution which authorizes the General Manager to initiate termination proceedings for any breach of the lease by the tenant.

16A. **INDIA BASIN**
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

On motion of Commissioner Orr, seconded by Commissioner McAteer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15884

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the proposed settlement agreement between the City and County of San Francisco versus Koesewic (Case #915-865), for acquisition of property for the future India Basin park.

17. **SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY FAIR**
APPROVAL OF BUDGET

Approval of budget for the 1991 San Francisco County Fair with the Golden Gate Festival Association.

Note: This item was removed from the Calendar.

18. **PORTSMOUTH SQUARE GARAGE**
LOAN DOCUMENT

Approval of a loan document with Portsmouth Square Parking Corporation, in the amount of $500,000, for improvements at Portsmouth Square Garage.

Assistant General Manager for Finance and Property, Ernie Prindle, explained that last month the Commission agreed to loan the Portsmouth Parking Corporation $1.4 Million as a result of an accounting error. The first part of the loan document is before the Commission today. The $500,000 loan shall be taken from the Open Space Fund. The major provisions of the loan document are:

°The corporation will not take any actions that would increase costs or decrease revenues without the prior approval of the Commission.

°All surplus funds of the corporation will be used to repay this loan.

°Interest rate will be one percent (100 basis points) greater than the rate of return that the Treasurer's Investment Division would generate.

18. **PORTSMOUTH SQUARE GARAGE LOAN DOCUMENT (Continued)**

Mr. Prindle further explained that the loan has not been approved by the Portsmouth Plaza Parking Corporation, but Mr. Paul Newman, the Corporation's attorney, has indicated that their approval will be forthcoming by the first week of January. The document has also been reviewed by the City Attorney's Office and has been approved as to form. Another loan document in the amount of $900,000 for bond funds will be presented to the Commission next year.

On motion of Commissioner Orr, seconded by Commissioner Eickman, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15885

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the loan document with Portsmouth Square Parking Corporation, in the amount of $500,000, for improvements at Portsmouth Square Garage.

19. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT 1991-92 BUDGET PRIORITIES**

Approval of 1991-92 budget priorities for the Recreation and Park Department.

Assistant General Manager for Administration, Phil Arnold, explained that this is the third public meeting that the Commission has held regarding the preparation of the 1991-92 budget. The budget preparation is being done in a public forum so that everybody understands the budgetary process and outlook for the Department. He stated that he did not believe that the Department would be able to afford new programs or new positions. Last year, the Commission approved three budget priorities. This year, staff is again asking for budget priorities and recommended:

°Continued support for children's programs, Golden Gate Park and the Zoo
°Additional support for maintenance of departmental facilities
°Additional support for the acquisition of heavy equipment

In the last three budget years, the Department's budget has been balanced, in part, by cutting back on the purchase of heavy equipment. The equipment is in need of replacement. If the priorities are approved, staff will return in January with a proposed budget, reflecting those priorities.

Robert McGuire, discussed routine maintenance. He explained that there is no acknowledged definition of "routine maintenance" and how it is applied at the Commission level. He proposed that guidelines be set along the following lines: the size of the facility; the amount of money for the project; the number of people to be affected; the frequency of use and that after the facility meets this criteria, notice be given to neighbors and users of the area. He presented a petition of over 800 signatures that were gathered at the Marina Green regarding the asphalting over of the clay path and wanted the clay paths preserved.

19. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
1991-92 BUDGET PRIORITIES (Continued)

David Tran, representing the Tenderloin Youth Advocates, urged that funding be allocated for youth and teens. He stated that recreation is very important for teens and youth and recommended that none of the budget be cut for the Recreation Division and that golf fees be increased and targeted specifically for recreation programs.

Carol Callen, representing Coleman Advocates, discussed budget priorities. She was happy to hear that children's programs were considered a priority. She noted that there is not a lot of money but that there are creative ways to better serve the City's children, youth and families. She suggested that surplus Candlestick Park funds be used for an athletic day camp at Candlestick Park. She further suggested that money be raised by establishing a children's surcharge at the golf courses. She stated that the Recreation Division's budget seems to fall on the short end, receiving only 10% of the budget, while the Park Division receives 90%. She felt that the Department's budget should be reprioritized.

Jill Wynns, representing the San Francisco Parents' Lobby, spoke in support of the previous two speakers. She was pleased to hear that children's services were considered one of the Department's highest priority. She stated that whatever is invested in children today will save the City in the long run. She felt that at an athletic camp at Candlestick Pak would be a wonderful idea and bring a positive image to sport organizations. The children's surcharge at the golf courses would make golfers realize that they can contribute to children services.

Vice President Eickman disputed the comment made that the Department allocates only 10% to the Recreation Division. He noted that the Department's budget includes the Marina Yacht Harbor, the San Francisco Zoological Gardens, recreation centers, etc.

General Manager, Mary E. Burns, stated that the Mayor's budget office is working on an analysis of how much money is spent on children's services in the City. While it is true that there are several subgroups in the Department's budget, the Zoo, which is not part of the Recreation budget, provides a great service to many children and they go free of charge. The Zoo is certainly a service for children although is not considered a part of the Recreation Division's budget. Similarly, children use the City's parks and playgrounds daily. She did not think it was accurate to say that only 10% is set aside for the Recreation Division.

Commissioner Ruiz asked about the budget priorities and felt that the word "additional" under items #2 and #3 should be clarified so that Priority #1 would not be jeopardized by addressing #2 and #3.

Mr. Arnold explained that the intent was to the extent that the Department increases any funds for the priorities listed in Items #2 and #3 - that they would not be done at the expense of any items contained in Item #1.

19. **RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT**
1991-92 BUDGET PRIORITIES (Continued)

On recommendation of the Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee, and on motion of Commissioner Eickman, seconded by Commissioner Guggenhime, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15886

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the 1991-92 budget priorities for the Recreation and Park Department, as follows:

°Continued support for children's programs, Golden Gate Park and the Zoo
°Support for maintenance of departmental facilities
°Support for the acquisition of heavy equipment

20. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission. Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The President or the Commission may limit the total testimony to 30 minutes.

Douglas Morrison, discussed the management of the Golden Gate Park Stables and specifically how stalls have been awarded in the past to people. Fifteen years ago he signed up for a stall and over the years he has been advised that there had been no movement on the list or that he was moving up the list. Now, he is number one on the list and he has found out that many stalls have been sold by the concessionaire through the years. He asked how 600 people can be bypassed. He stated that the concessionaire has confirmed there have been improprieties but does not want to address the issue. He stated that the current concessionaire, before the Commission awarded the lease, bought six stalls. He pleaded to the Commission to intervene on this issue.

Mr. Prindle explained that he was aware that there have been problems with the waiting list and that some stall have been sold. He was unaware of the specifics on each case. He explained that it is a very difficult and delicate situation. He further explained that the current lessee is reinstituting public trail rides which were not offered for some time and is in need of stalls. Therefore, as stalls become vacant, they are converted for the public trail ride program.

Director of Property Management, Lucinda Pope Scanlan, explained that public programming is the most important part of the Golden Gate Park Stables and that she feels the most important priority of the stables should be public programming.

Mr. Morrison stated that the stables should be a public facility and that trail rides should be offered. But given the fact that he has been on the waiting list for 15 years he felt it would be fair to take 5 people from the waiting list and then five stalls for the public trail rides.

20. PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued)

General Manager Mary E. Burns, explained that she has discussed this matter with the City Attorney to ascertain if some other waiting list procedure should be considered.

Peter Desmond, stated that it is clear that over the years the Golden Gate Park Stables have not been run fairly. He asked when the Department staff will have completed its investigation on this matter and be ready for the Commission to resolve this issue for resolvement. He stated that he was present in April and has written a letter on this matter. He was aware that the issue was complex but wanted the matter opened up and resolved as soon as possible.

Vice President Eickman stated that the Commission needs to review this matter as soon as possible because there have been so many problems with the stables.

Ms. Burns explained that the City Attorney's Office is currently working on other pressing issues for the Department and most likely will not be able to review this matter until February or later.

Robert McGuire, spoke about the Marina Green running path and explained that it dates back 12 years. In 1986 the Department placed an all purpose clay track surface at the Marina Green and that the surface proved early on to be unsatisfactory. In November 1988, the Department entered into an agreement with the Navy Department and the Navy was to asphalt over a portion of the Marina path. Two months later the Department authorized $400,000 for an irrigation system at the Marina Green. He stated that now the Marina Green path has been asphalted and there are defects: 20 rough areas; 11 major puddling areas; 3 of the wooden boundaries were destroyed; there is a drainage ditch that is at a different height than the level of the water which prevents the water from draining. He stated his belief that the Marina Green path appears to be controlled by the berth holders and the runners and walkers are not represented. He believed that the Commission should review this situation to see if there is a some way that runners could be better represented. He displayed photos of the work done.

Lee Hurwit, discussed the Marina Green running track issue and explained that for a long time he tried to understand why the clay track was removed and asphalted. He stated that he was told that it naturally deteriorated. He read a passage from the Commission minutes of 9/87 which asked staff to contact the City Attorney to ascertain if the Department could hold a contractor accountable to the contract specifications since the path is already decaying. He understood that the clay is a high maintenance surface and that the Department should have realized this need when it started the construction project. He felt the Department should have maintained the surface.

20. **PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued)**

Norma Ensner, pleaded with the Commission to hold into abeyance the mandatory golf cart requirement for the women's golf clubs until the issue is reviewed. She stated that the men's and women's clubs are long standing traditions just like the City Tournament and there are many resident members. At Harding Golf Course 72% of the members are residents; 53% of these residents currently walk and 89% of those who walk are senior citizens. At Lincoln Golf Course 75% of the members are residents; 52% of these residents walk and 71% are seniors. It is going to be an awful strain on seniors to have to pay the golf cart fee.

21. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President O'Connor discussed the Department's 1991-92 budget and explained that she attended a meeting in the Mayor's Office where the Mayor discussed the dismal outlook for next year's budget. There are many problems including the lack of rainfall and problems from the earthquake.

President O'Connor also announced that the Mayor appointed a new member to the Recreation and Park Commission, Mr. Sidney Chan, who is President of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and a community activist.

22. **ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS**

On motion of Commissioner Orr, seconded by Commissioner McAteer, the following resolution was adopted:

RES. NO. 15887

RESOLVED, That this Commission accepts the following gifts valued at $18,000.00, for the Recreation and Park Department:

a. From St. Anthony Foundation, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $500.00, for the Tenderloin Recreation Center Halloween Party.

b. From Windmill Holdings Corporation, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $2,000, for park maintenance, Golden Gate Park.

c. From San Francisco Croquet Club, through Friends of Recreation and Parks, $2,000, for park maintenance.

d. From Stanley Tools, one (1) 1990 Chevrolet Durango Pick up Truck, valued at $13,500.00, for the Hamilton Recreation Teen Center.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate letters of thanks will be sent to the donors.

23. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following Commission Committee reports were submitted for the record:

Joint Zoo Committee Meeting of November 7, 1990
Recreation Program Committee Meeting of November 28, 1990
Parks and Planning Committee Meeting of December 6, 1990
Finance and Yacht Harbor Committee Meeting of December 6, 1990
Golden Gate Park Committee Meeting of December 10, 1990

24. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Eickman, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Phoebe Brown, long time employee of the City Planning Department, and origination of the concept of the Open Space Program.

On motion of Commissioner Guggenhime, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Alice Marble, tennis great, who recently passed away.

On motion of President O'Connor, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Robert Cramer, gay activist, who recently passed away.

On motion of Commissioner McAteer, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Dorian Goldstein, past Board member of the Board of Friends of Recreation and Parks, who recently passed away.

On motion of Commissioner Orr, the meeting was adjourned in Jerry Spain's name, Deputy City Attorney, who retired from City service.

On motion of Commissioner Ruiz, the meeting was adjourned in memory of John Griffin, husband of Linda Griffin of the Finance Division, father of Roy Griffin of the Afterschool Program, and sister of Helen Sant of the Recreation Division. John Griffin passed away suddenly at the age of 43.

There being no further business, the 654th Meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Marie Rose
Commission Secretary

Note: These minutes set forth all actions taken by the Recreation and Park Commission on matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological order in which the matters were taken up.